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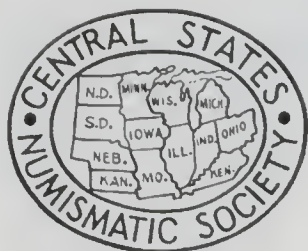
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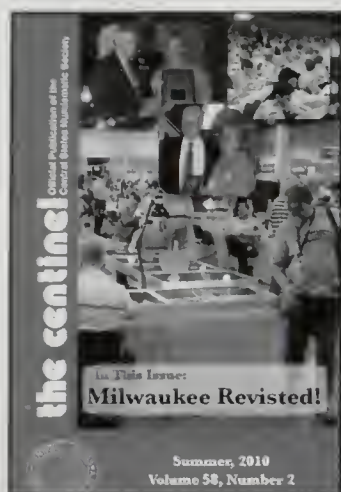
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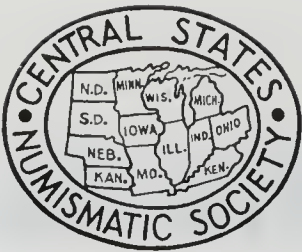
About the Cover: Amidst a backdrop of the bourse floor, award winners and YNs stand out at the 71st Anniversary Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society. In a surprise presentation, ANA President Clifford Mishler gave CSNS Governor David G. Heinrich the Presidential Award. Brett Irick took Best of Show for his Canadian exhibit. The Boy Scout merit badge clinic attracted 85 youths.

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President's Message

My first show as president I found that changing Thursday's hours to satisfy some dealers was wrong, so on Friday morning the board changed Thursday's hours to:

Dealers only - 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.

Early Birds and Dealers - 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Dealers, Early Birds and Public - 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

This will all go into effect for our next show in Rosemont.

Bruce Benoit did a great job with the Scouts and YNs with the help of several of our board members and club volunteers from Milwaukee. As usual Fran and Ray Lockwood did their outstanding exhibit program with 274 cases of exhibits.

The Bourse Application Mailing Policy will include three mailings 15 days apart beginning in early September. Booth assignments will begin no earlier than 21 days after the first mailing.

I have appointed several committees and hope to have reports from them by the fall meeting, which I have scheduled for October 8th and 9th in Dearborn, Michigan.

As your President you can always contact me with comments, suggestions or concerns by phone, fax or e-mail.



Don



The Scout merit badge clinic attracted 85 boys.

Secretary's Message

Our 71st Anniversary Convention in Milwaukee is now history.

The bourse was sold out and public attendance seemed to be above average, especially on Friday.

As most of you know, I am bourse chairman in addition to my duties as secretary. A good number of dealers voiced concern about the Thursday schedule, which allowed only booth holders and early birds on the floor. There were no public hours that day - just on Friday and Saturday.

This schedule was developed because of some complaints last year that we were not providing sufficient "dealer only" time. Public attendance Thursday afternoon of last year was weak, so we came up with the dealers-only plan for Thursday in Milwaukee.

We will have a combination of booth-holder hours, early-bird time and public admission for Thursday next year in Rosemont. Details to follow.

The Milwaukee event produced many admirable educational seminars. Congratulations to Governor Bruce Benoit for a fine YN program that included a "treasure hunt" and Boy Scout merit badge clinic.

Fran Lockwood's exhibit area included nearly 300 display cases. Congratulations to Brett Irick for

winning "best of show."

Each year we mail 1,800 or more postcards to CSNS members and others who have filled out registration cards in the past. The mailing goes to people living within driving distance of our convention.

More than 100 cards were turned in at registration in Milwaukee. From them we drew two cards for quarter-ounce gold coins and 20 for silver dollars.

Dan Freeland and Zach Beasley won the gold. Silver dollars were mailed to Jerry Baumle, Richard Hoesterman, Joseph LeBlanc, Andrew LeBlanc, Robert Fattore, Richard Zell, Bruce Bartelt, Anatol Mevch, Dany Rothfeld, Steve Butler, Ivan Lephart, Greg Lewis, Joseph Boling, Robert Conrad, Gerald Bankman, Leo Schmidt, Steven Bieda, Don Cerny, Greg Houzenga and Tom Rogers.

Our governing board met as usual during the convention. Minutes of the meeting appear elsewhere in this issue.

Also elsewhere in this issue are the names of individuals scheduled to be dropped June 1 from the membership roster for non-payment of dues. If your name is on the list and you believe your dues are paid up, please contact me (574-753-2489).

Remember: possession of a dues card is not proof of dues payment. The cards were sent to everybody in the original dues mailing last November.

On the positive side, we have 195 new membership applications. Many of them were filled out during our Milwaukee convention. The list appears elsewhere in this issue.

Incidentally, there were three applications I couldn't process. One listed only a name but no address. Two others were illegible.

Sometimes I have to make educated guesses as to names and addresses on membership applications because of nearly illegible handwriting. And I've been known to make a typing mistake

(rare occasion, of course.) My point is please make sure your name and address is spelled correctly on our correspondence. Please advise me of any fixes that might be necessary.

And finally, there was the "pickle incident."

A patron of the concession booth in the rear of the bourse became irate after finding sliced pickles on his hamburger. He claimed he didn't order them.

He grabbed the pickles and hurled them at one of the concession booth workers. He was subsequently cited by security. Don't know what happened after that and don't know if he went ahead and ate the burger.



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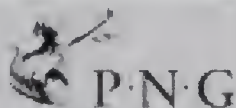
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'11 LITERARY COMPETITION

As a member of the Central States Numismatic Society, you are reminded that *The Centinel* is constantly in search of worthwhile numismatic material for publication, especially the works and writings of its own members.

Each year a number of members make literary contributions for publication, thereby sharing their personal knowledge of the hobby, adding enjoyment to the lives of our readers - and paving the way for possible special recognition.

Annually since 1969, Central States has honored one or more members whose literary efforts have been judged deserving of recognition. To winners in the senior division go the recently renamed Bradfield/Finner Literary Awards, named in honor of Elston G. Bradfield and Roland W. Finner. Bradfield, who died in 1977, was the founding editor of *The Centinel*. Finner died in 2009 and served as editor from 1972 to 1978 and from 2002 to 2009. Our junior authors compete for the Daniel C. Parker Literary Award. Authors receive nominal payment following publication of their material, and literary awards consist of cash prizes!

Competition for the '11 Bradfield/Finner and Parker awards will close following publication of the Winter, 2010-11, issue, and respective awards will be presented as one of the highlights of the Saturday morning awards breakfast, April 30th, during the 2011 Rosemont, IL, convention.

There's plenty of time to work on your entry for the '11 competition! Questions and inquiries should be directed to the Editor, Box 82125, Columbus, OH 43202, or by e-mail at gtebben@columbus.rr.com or by phone at 614-263-1006

Kevin Foley

From the Convention Chairman



Our 71st Anniversary Convention, held at Milwaukee's Midwest Airlines Center, is now history. The 251 booth bourse area was totally sold out. Our Thursday Professional Preview Day had 279 registrants. Public attendance on Friday was 1,406 and on Saturday 809. A total of 694 individuals were officially accredited to booths. Heritage once again held significant auction sales of both rare coins and paper money. Indeed, I believe that Milwaukee was truly the centerpiece of the numismatic trade during the period of our event.

Twenty five individuals played significant enough roles in the convention to be listed on the masthead page of the

convention program as staff members. As part of our Gender Proportionality Initiative, 12 were women. Indeed, seven of the eight members of our Properties Staff were women. I was particularly pleased with the performance of our Properties Staff, a part of the convention that tends to take place in the back of the house and before our convention opens and is often not noticed to the extent that it should be. If not done right the first time, this aspect of the event can be seriously disruptive.

Not listed individually in the program were the two key staff members of our convention decorator, George Fern and Company, Tom Drullinger and Charles "Speedy" Woods. These

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two individuals have provided decorator and setup services to CSNS since 1988. Their quiet competence is one of the reasons our event takes place without the disruptions I've noted at other numismatic affairs. Also deserving recognition are the members of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades – AFL/CIO, whose members set our event up. They clearly came prepared to work and did their jobs quickly and with considerable attention to detail.

I couldn't help but notice the motto on the back of the shirts they wore, "Organize or Die". As I was engaged in various post-convention errands and cleanup tasks on the Tuesday after our convention, May 4, I remembered that it was the 124th anniversary of the Bay View Massacre, where seven members of the building trades were fired on and killed by National Guardsmen during a march on the Milwaukee Iron Company demonstrating for an eight hour day. My great grandfather, who I knew as a child and remember well, was alive then, so 124 years ago is not as remote as it might seem. The relatively easy lives we enjoy today were provided by the sacrifices of others who came before us and who deserve not to be forgotten.

One aspect of the convention that seemed to generate more than its share of controversy was our implementation this year of a bourse schedule with Thursday reserved for Professional Preview/Early Bird activity and public hours confined to Friday and Saturday. This change was made by our Board after the Cincinnati convention last year in the face of booth-holder complaints that our traditional Thursday-Friday-Saturday public schedule did not allow sufficient time for dealer-to-dealer activity. The change was made by the Board specifically to be responsive to these booth-holder concerns.

During the Milwaukee convention an even larger number of booth holders, as well as public attendees, made known both to myself and elected officials that they felt the new schedule employed for the first time this year did not meet their needs. CSNS genuinely endeavors to be sensitive to the overall needs of our convention attendees and participants, some of whom have differing and conflicting objectives motivating their attendance. The Board's decisions are made on the basis of an effort to strike a balance between these sometimes disparate objectives. The reactions to our schedule this year demonstrate that this can sometimes be more of a challenge than anticipated. What seemed quite a reasonable decision in theory, did not prove to be as reasonable as expected on an operational level.

At our Board meeting on Friday, April 30, I conveyed these concerns that had been brought to my attention about our schedule. Board members had also received similar concerns. I recommended that we revert to the more traditional Thursday-Friday-Saturday public schedule for our 2011 72nd Anniversary Convention, to be held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL, a Northwest Chicago suburb. The Board accepted that recommendation.

I trust that this change will meet with a favorable response. Having been associated with the Central States Numismatic Society in one capacity or another since 1980, I have always found our Board collectively, no matter who the elected officials may be at any given point in time, to be genuinely interested in hearing about and being responsive to the expressed needs of our members, whether they be dealers or collectors, as well as other interested members of the numismatic community. Quite simply and bluntly, the CSNS Board has never

been possessed of an inflated sense of its own importance, an arrogant pomposity or annoyingly expanded egos, with associated defensive and rigid responses to expressed concerns about its decisions.

We can't please everyone. Indeed, those who favored the schedule this year will no doubt feel aggrieved to one extent or another. You all might want to consider, however – How many other numismatic event sponsors or organizations would have responded as promptly as our Board did to issues raised by their constituency and reversed itself so quickly and decisively when it became clear that the concerns expressed were correct and deserved to be implemented?

Our Board wants to hear from you. Their collective attitude is one of service. They all remember that they represent you and have an obligation to you, so if there are aspects of our operations that you feel the need to communicate with them about, do it. Likewise, I hope all of you will always feel free to contact me with inputs about our convention and associated activities. Sometimes people tend to complain everywhere except to the people who can do something about their concerns. Don't let that happen in the Central States Numismatic Society. The decisions of our Board may not always be what you want, but your views will receive careful and thoughtful consideration.

Next year we will be in Rosemont, a city where I've managed upwards of 30 numismatic conventions. Chicago was the site of our first Central States Convention and we've met either there or elsewhere in the greater Chicagoland area no less than eight times in the past. For 2012-2016 we are scheduled to be at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center, a short



Renaissance Schaumburg

10 miles to the Northwest of Chicago's O'Hare Airport. There is no more attractive convention venue on the entire United States numismatic event circuit than the Renaissance Schaumburg. I'm really looking forward to having our Central States conventions place their indelible brand on the Chicagoland market. Chicago is the Central States city. Basing our convention there, in the home state of our original incorporation, will enable us to take advantage of the ease of air transport access afforded by O'Hare Airport's multiple airline hub status, as well as its central location within our region and the country. In addition, our dealers and collectors will appreciate the fact that numismatic material and associated bullion are statutorily exempt from sales taxes in Illinois.

In a very real sense CSNS will be coming home when we meet in Rosemont next year and in Schaumburg in subsequent years. I couldn't be more excited about what will no doubt become a close identification between Chicago and the Central States Numismatic Society. Plan now to join us next year in Rosemont, for our 72nd Anniversary Convention, with convention related events taking place April 25-30, 2011. Watch our website, www.centralstates.info, for details. 

Kevin Foley

Spring Board Meeting

Thursday, April 29, 2010 - Milwaukee, WI

President Charters called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. with all members present or accounted for.

There was a moment of silence for deceased members, including Past President Ralph Hardman and Centinel Editor Rollie Finner.

Secretary Jerry Lebo was instructed to include the biennial election results in the minutes.

President

Donald Charters	Michigan	496
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Vice President

James Moores	Missouri	480
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Governor

(first 10 are elected)

Ray Lockwood	Indiana	467
Paul Padget	Ohio	370
Jack Huggins	Illinois	317
Karen Jach	Wisconsin	305
Donald Young	Kentucky	299
Bruce Benoit	Wisconsin	293
Greg Allen	Minnesota	284
David Heinrich	Ohio	277
Randy Miller	Wisconsin	273
Bruce Perdue	Illinois	211

Unsuccessful candidates

Joe LeBlanc	Michigan	207
David Henderson	Michigan	202
Michael Dennany	Michigan	170
Vinton Dove	Indiana	172
Richard Mantia	Illinois	132
Brett Irick	Michigan	125

Past President Patti Finner motioned and Governor Paul Padget seconded to approve the fall board meeting minutes as published. Approved.

Treasurer Jack Huggins provided

board members with a balance sheet, expense reporting forms and a projected budget.

Governor Wendell Wolka motioned and Governor Donald Young seconded to pay \$300 dues to ICTA. Approved. Huggins and Governor Greg Allen abstained.

Governor Brandimore motioned and Young seconded to approve the organization's tax return. Approved with Huggins abstaining.

Huggins said he was transferring \$12,000 from life member funds to regular accounts. Padget motioned and Governor Mike Dennany seconded to limit such transfers to money earned as interest. Approved with Huggins abstaining.

Wolka motioned and Young seconded to accept a brief secretary's report. Approved.

President Charters said he will be announcing committee assignments within a week or so.

Finner motioned and Wolka seconded to accept the report presented by Finance Committee Chairman Joe LeBlanc. Approved.

Summarizing his report: the board has a fiduciary responsibility for the organization's money; he questioned having the treasurer as an elected officer; there should be an outside audit; the budget should be balanced; committee chairs might have too much discretion in spend

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ing budgeted money; the board should review its policy of requiring two signatures on checks above \$1,000; a check writer should not write a check to himself or herself; CSNS might consider a preferred utility stock as an option for CDs in the life accounts; CSNS might consider a dues increase to keep up with other organizations; there might be a "donation bucket" at shows and members should be encouraged to remember CSNS in their wills; there should be a review of auction bidding policy; and there should be a review of rebate policies with regard to convention hotels.

Editor Gerry Tebben said he will continue using Spectra Print Corp. as The Centinel printer. He is seeking articles about tokens and medals. Contributions from YNs are lacking. The Centinel has 20 advertisers.

Legal Counsel Steve Bieda to work up a release agreement with regard to articles and pictures submitted by authors as the result of a motion by Governor Ray Lockwood, seconded by Wolka and approved by the board.

Governor Dave Heinrich motioned and Wolka motioned to accept the YN committee report presented by Finner. Approved.

General Chairman Kevin Foley summarized to the board the history of our twice unsuccessful prior efforts to obtain an Illinois sales tax exemption for purchases made by CSNS, the financial benefit of achieving exempt status as well as the basis for his belief that the previous denials were incorrectly made. Foley outlined a two-stage process for Legal Counsel Bieda:

1. Research to determine if the potential for success arising from application prepared, submitted and administered by legal counsel would have an appropriate cost/benefit relationship.

2. Board action on legal counsel's recommendation whether or not to submit an additional application for exempt status.

Foley noted that the discussions relate solely to our efforts to achieve exempt

status for our own CSNS purchases in Illinois and that by state statute sale of coins, paper money and bullion are already exempt in Illinois, one of the factors Foley stated he believes will enhance our convention by being based in Illinois.

Finner motioned and Huggins seconded to begin charging the numismatic press for bourse space. Approved.

Wolka motioned and Finner seconded to increase the bourse fee another \$100 for all booth categories, making the per booth rebate \$200 to dealers staying at our host hotel three or more nights under our room block. Approved with Allen abstaining.

The bourse application mailing policy will include three mailings 15 days apart beginning in early September. Booth assignments will begin no earlier than 21 days after the first mailing.

Foley presented a tentative 2011 bourse application and discussed other aspects of the convention, including the upcoming schedule to solicit auction rights bids. There was also a discussion about fees.

Kevin Foley, chairman of the Compensation Disclosure Policy Committee, presented the committee's recommendation that the annual Financial Report should state at its conclusion that elected officials are not paid for duties as elected officials but may be paid for other duties separate and apart from their duties as elected officials.

Foley and Finner were excused.

Lockwood as educational director said the Omaha seminar was successful and that such seminars also produce new members. Some clubs are taking advantage of CSNS programs while others are not responsive to free DVDs, speaker support, the library book program and the like. Enrollment for Sunday's Bob Evans seminar is lagging. Benoit motioned and Wolka seconded to pay Evans his request for a \$2,000 honorarium rather than \$1,000 as originally agreed. Approved.

Lockwood also said his committee is

looking into the possibility of underwriting a book.

Heinrich motioned and Moores seconded to reaffirm the decision to have Dennany represent CSNS at the ANA summer seminar. Approved.

Huggins said the exhibit area has been active. He noted the \$25 donation from Warren Weiss will go to the youngest YN exhibitor.

Lockwood said the Web site might undergo some changes and that the domain renewal fee is due in 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m. and reconvened at 9 a.m. Friday.

Allen presented a report on counterfeit coins being produced in China and a lack of enforcement in the U.S. against this illegal activity. There was discussion of possibly using the CSNS Web site for a message inviting letters of concern to congressmen. Allen and Bieda to work up a program for a future meeting.

Heinrich motioned and Young seconded to accept the 2011 show budget. Approved with Huggins abstaining.

Thursday show hours for 2011: Booth holders at 7:30 a.m.; early birds at 9 a.m.; public at 2 p.m.

President Charters welcomed incoming Governor Karen Jack and thanked outgoing Governors Wolka, Dennany and Brandimore for their service.

There was a consensus to continue publishing the names of members dropped for non-payment of dues.

Benoit motioned and Heinrich seconded that CSNS shall not vote in elections conducted by other organizations. Approved.

A committee will be named to recommend garb for board members, who now have cardinal red dress shirts.

There was a brief discussion about the mailing list.

A letter from the Michigan Token and Medal Society asking for a donation to partially underwrite the cost of holding a

banquet was presented. No action taken.

A committee to be appointed to draft policy for travel and other expenses by board members.

There was a discussion about distribution of expense information.

Heinrich said there are some concerns about having non-board members as members of committees.

Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Awards Breakfast and General Membership Meeting

7:30 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2010

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

Brief reports were presented by the secretary and the treasurer.

Centinel Literary Awards:

Elston Bradfield/Roland Finner Award for best Centinel article:

First Place: Cindy Mohon: "The Granite Lady" (Great Earthquake and Fire of 1906)

Second Place: Steve Bieda: "The Barack Obama Inaugural Medal"

Exhibit Awards:

U.S. Coins: 1. Brett Irick, "The Golden Age of U.S. Coins 1795-1933"; 2. Mack Martin, "Major Type Coins of the Twentieth Century 1901-2000"; 3. William Cowburn, "Proof Shield Nickels 1866-1883."

Foreign Coins Prior to 1700 A.D.: 1. Bruce Bartelt, "Wild and Exotic Beasts: Animals on the Silver Coins Celebrating Rome's Millennium"; 2. Donald Dool, "A.D. Dated Copper Coins of the 16th Century"; 3. Leon Saryan, "A Medieval Armenian Hoard."

Foreign Coins After 1700 A.D.: 1. Brett Irick, "Canadian Coins of 1947-1948"; 2. Bruce Benoit, "Canadian Fish Scales - A Comprehensive Look at the Five-Cent Silver"; 3. Mike Dennany, "Irish Type Coinage 1922-1969."

Medals: 1. Linda Wolka, "Medals and Coins of Dr. Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation"; 2. Donald Dool, "Two Monuments in Mendoza and their Medals"; 3. Darrell Luedtke, "1869 Peace Jubilee Wooden Medals."

U.S. Paper Money: 1. Dan Freeland, "Selected Michigan Nationals from the Second National Bank of Saginaw, Michigan"; 2. Wendell Wolka, "The Ohio Banking Landscape 1845-1865"; 3. Nancy Wilson, "Selected Milwaukee Scrip Notes and Related Items."

Foreign Paper Money: 1. George Cuhaj, "Bank Notes from the Seige of Mafeking"; 2. Michael Morrissey, "Tale of a Short Snorter"; 3. Neil Shafer, "The Only Philippine Emergency Money Packet Known Today."

Tokens: 1. Tom Casper, "Milwaukee Civil War Tokens"; 2. Dany Rothfeld, "The H.V. Keep Tokens"; 3. Steven Bieda, "Remnants of the

U.S. Mint Roller Press Experiment: GM Test Tokens."

Miscellaneous: 1. Tom Casper, "Money's Other Uses"; 2. Robert Mayer, "Woods of 1876 U.S. Centennial"; 3. Mack Martin, "Baby Bonds."

Juniors: 1. Andrew Keene, "Polymer: The New Age Currency"; 2. Mikey Dennany, "Lincoln Type Cents"; 3. Anna Heinrich, "Reigning Cats or Dogs."

Rollie Finner YN Award: Mikey Dennany.

Early Bird Award: Karen Jach.

Pittman Most Educational Award: John R. Eshbach, "Bank Notes of Canada 1954-to Date."

Joseph and Morton Stack Award for Best First time CSNS Exhibitor: Andrew Keene, "Polymer: The New Age Currency."

People's Choice Award: Michael Morrissey, "Tale of a Short Snorter."

Best In Show: Brett Irick, "Canadian Coins of 1947-1948." 

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lebo, secretary

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Central States governors and officers (from left) Patricia A. Finner, Donald G. Young, Bruce Perdue, Randy E. Miller, Ray Lockwood, David G. Heinrich, Bruce Benoit, Don Charters, James S. Moores, Karen A. Jach, Greg Allen and Jack D. Huggins Jr. are sworn in by Bob Hurst, president of Florida United Numismatists (FUN).



Fran Lockwood, exhibit chairperson, presents the Best of Show award to Brett Irick for "Canadian Coins of 1947 - 1948."

Flashbacks

For six days this spring, Milwaukee was the center of the numismatic world.

The Central States Numismatic Society's 71st Anniversary Convention ran April 27 through May 2.

The 251-booth bourse area was sold out.

More than \$20 million in coins and paper sold at the Heritage auctions.

Educational exhibits spanned 274 cases.



First place winners (from left) are Bruce Bartelt, George Cuhaj, Dan Freeland, Linda Wolka, YN Andrew Keene, Thomas Casper and Brett Irick. Keene was also awarded the Joseph and Morton Stack Award for the best first-time CSNS exhibitor.



Second place winners (from left) are Dany Rothfeld, Michael Morrissy, Robert Mayer, Mack Martin, Bruce Benoit, Wendell Wolka and YN Mikey Dennany. Morrissy's exhibit, "Tale of A Short Snorter," also won the People's Choice Award. Mikey Dennany received the Rollie Finner YN award. (Not present: Donald Dool.)

of Milwaukee

YN activities attracted 85 Boy Scouts to the merit badge clinic and 75 young treasure hunters on May 1.

The club representatives breakfast was attended by 58 reps from 30 member clubs on April 30.

The inaugural reception for exhibitors and speakers on April 29 was well attended and warmly received.

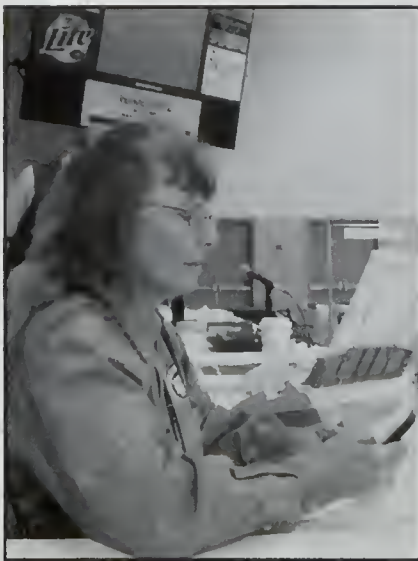
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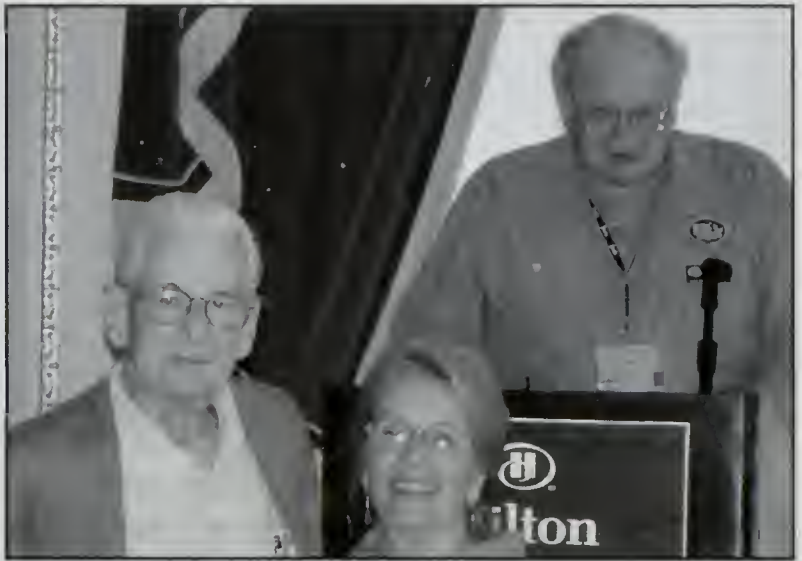
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ANA President Clifford Mishler presents the ANA Presidential Award to David G. Heinrich of Cincinnati.*



Third place winners (from left) are Neil Shafer, Steven Bieda, Mike Dennany, Mack Martin, Leon Saryan, William Cowburn, Darrell Luedtke and Nancy Wilson. First, second and third place winners received gold coins in special holders.



Past President Patti Finner tends to details on the show's opening day.



John R. Eshbach, left, receives the John Jay Pitman Award from Fran Lockwood, while Education Director Ray Lockwood, right, announces the winner.



Above: Ray Dillard cranks out elongated coins. He made some 6,000 Central States elongateds before and during the convention. Right: Thomas Van Zeyl mans the message center on the bourse floor.



Speaker Walt Ostromecki holds a Kissi penny during a presentation on Dumb Coins. "I am a dumb coin collector," he said. Dumb coins, he said, will not ring when dropped or do not have the country of origin or denomination on them.





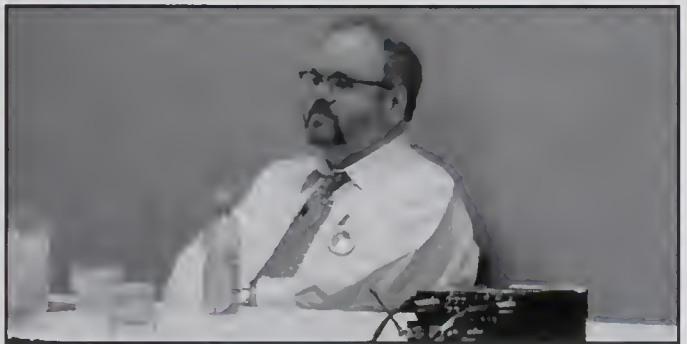
Top: CSNS President Don Charters is silhouetted at the bourse entrance by light streaming in the windows of the Midwest Airlines Center. Right: Judge Robert Fritsch scores an exhibit.



Collectors and dealers crowd the bourse floor at the 71st Anniversary Convention



Left: Convention General Chairman Kevin Foley delivers the invocation at the awards breakfast. Below: Tom DeLorey talks about “Dealing in Coins from a Former Collector’s Point of View.” He said, “Those darn slabs have taken the fun out of the hobby.”





Left: Francis Hawks promotes the CSNS Fall Numismatic Seminar in Hutchinson, KS, at the club reps breakfast. Right: John and Nancy Wilson share a moment with Brad Karoleff, center.



Left: Sandy Martin, Governor Bruce Beniot and Brett Irick share a drink at the exhibitors and speakers reception.



Right: CSNS Legal Counsel Steven M Bieda, Coin World Associated Editor Steve Roach and Governor Jack D. Huggins Jr.



Neil Shafer, YN Andrew Keene, Bruce Bartelt and Andrew's mother, Debbie Keene, share a table at the CSNS reception for exhibitors and speakers.

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YNs in Milwaukee



Bruce Benoit, YN activities coordinator, kicks off the merit badge clinic.

Eighty five Boy Scouts, 75 treasure hunters, a dozen drawing winners and three winning exhibitors - young numismatists were everywhere at Milwaukee.

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society sponsored the May 1 merit badge clinic, the club's 30th. Central States Gov. Bruce Benoit, Leon Saryan, Lee Hartz, Dave Hunsicker and Roger Lick conducted the 3 1/2-hour session that nearly filled a large room at the convention center with children learning about the history, beauty and utility of United States coinage.



David Heinrich mans the YN table.

As the clinic was ending the YN Treasure Hunt was getting under way at the YN Booth on the bourse floor. Benoit, Central States' YN activities coordinator, reported, "Over 75 children participated in the YN Treasure Hunt, and all left with a bag full of donations and earned numismatic items. The YN Booth kept kids busy with numismatic activities during all public hours of the convention."



Stu Caddell of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society helps treasure hunters.

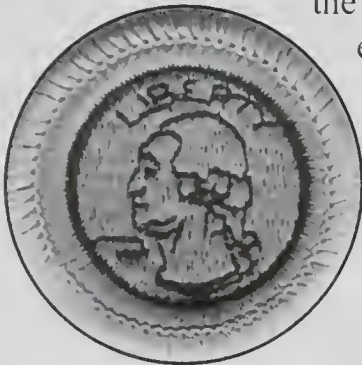
A dozen children won prizes in a drawing at the end of the treasure hunt, including Alex Smith, who went home with the grand prize, a French gold 20 franc piece.

In the educational exhibit area, YNs Andrew Keene, Mikey Denany and Anna Heinrich took top honors in juniors competitive exhibits. Exhibit Chairperson Fran Lockwood presented the awards at the Central States presentation breakfast May 1.



YNs Mikey Dennany, left, Andrew Keene and Anna Heinrich display their awards at the the May 1 awards breakfast and presentation.

Andrew Keene took first place for his exhibit, “Polymer: The New Age Currency.” He also won the Joseph and Morton Stack Award for the best first-time CSNS exhibitor.



Mikey Dennany placed second with “Lincoln Type Cents” and Anna Heinrich took third with “Reigning Cats or Dogs.”

Benoit said, “A ton of thanks to Andrew Keene and the Dave Heinrich family, as I relied on them much, along with many of my fellow CSNS Board members, the MNS Scout Clinic volunteers and everyone else who stopped by and asked if they could help.

“Thank you all so much!

“I am already looking forward to these same efforts at next year’s 72nd annual convention in Rosemont, Ill.”



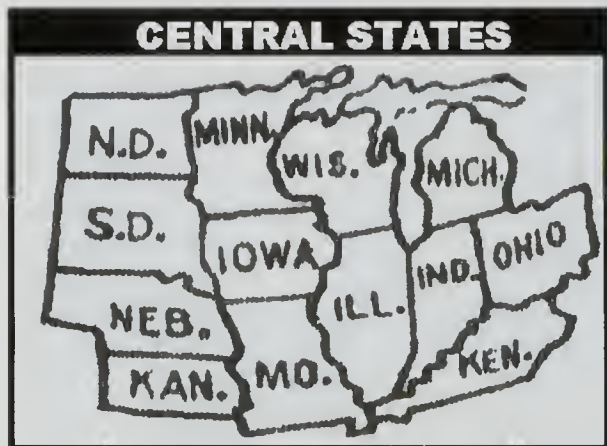
Leon Saryan helps with scout merit badge clinic.



Bruce Benoit shakes hands with gold-coin winner Alex Smith.

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Bronze: 39mm

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Rev: Central States Numismatic Society logo

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Host coins: Copper cent, nickel, dime and Wisconsin quarter. The obverse of the Lincoln cent is visible on the blank side of each copper piece. The reverse of each coin is visible on the blank side of higher denominations.

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CLUB MEETING PLACES ...

By Ray Lockwood

Ever wonder where coin clubs meet? An examination of the places where Central States member clubs meet is very revealing. The variety and scope of meeting places is almost as large as the number of clubs.

Here is a list of meeting places for 51 member clubs as listed on the Web site and in *The Centinel*.

LIBRARIES - Eight clubs

GOVERNMENT HALLS/

FACILITIES - Six clubs

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION

HALLS - Five clubs

RESTAURANTS - Four clubs

COMMUNITY CENTERS - Four
clubs

AMERICAN LEGION/VFW

HALLS - Four clubs

CAR DEALERSHIPS - Two clubs

BAR ASSOCIATIONS - Two clubs

CULTURAL CENTERS - Two clubs

MALL COMMUNITY

ROOM - One club

MOTELS - Two clubs

POLICE

DEPARTMENTS - One club

SENIOR CENTERS - Two clubs

CHURCHES -

Three clubs

UNION HALLS

- Two clubs

BANKS - One

club

BOOKSTORES

- One club

VA HOSPITAL

CAFETERIA

- One club



**3 clubs meet
in churches**

It appears that many different venues welcome coin clubs. It would be interesting to know how many clubs meet for free and how many have to pay a fee to use the facility they meet in. If any club is looking for a new place to meet, consider the list above!! You never know where you might find a coin club meeting!!



FROM THE EXHIBITION AREA

Ten Fun Facts

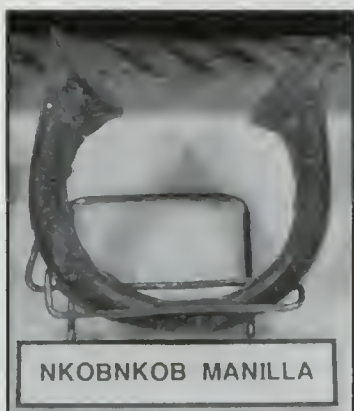
This year's convention featured an extraordinary array of educational exhibits. Here are 10 fun facts culled at random from the 274 display cases.

1. Christian Hambach, issuer of a Milwaukee Civil War token, was fined in 1864 for keeping a slaughterhouse in the city.

2. Wisconsin's first wooden money was produced for the 1936 Manitowoc County centennial.

3. Pattern "cents" were struck at the GM Technical Center in Warren, MI, in the late 1960s. The automaker used Mint-provided nonsense dies to test an ill-fated roller press.

4. In 1505 Portuguese traders paid eight to 10 manillas - crescent-shaped copper armlets - for each slave.



Copper manilla

5. Money's other uses include a cage for chirping crickets. A cricket keep fashioned from two 1909-C Indian rupees was displayed.

6. In the early 1980s, some foreign bills were printed on Tyvek synthetic paper, the same fabric used to wrap new houses.

7. Newly printed Philippine paper money was artificially aged with a mixture of coffee grounds, dirt and floor sweepings before it was airdropped to guerrillas during World War II.

8. Clever crooks not only gold plated 1883 no-cents Liberty nickels, they reeded the edges to make them appear more like \$5 gold pieces.

9. Edward A. Burke, treasurer of Louisiana in the 1880s resold redeemed state bonds rather than cancel them and pocketed the money - about \$1.5 million. Burke died a fugitive in 1928.

10. Obsolete currency issued in Georgia before the Civil War often featured risque vignettes of bare-breasted women. 



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SPRING SEMINAR

Specialists share knowledge of Civil War numismatics

In the hills of the Ozarks, three speakers brought the Civil War to life for 33 Missouri collectors at the spring Central States Numismatic Society seminar April 10.

The daylong seminar, co-sponsored by the Ozarks Coin Club of Springfield, MO, featured presentations by Wendell Wolka of Greenwood, IN, on Civil War banking and paper money; Dennis Haskett of Noblesville, IN, on suttler tokens; and Norm Bowers of St. Louis, MO, on Civil War storecards and patriotic tokens.

Bowers gave an overview of Civil War tokens during the first part of the morning session. Patriotic tokens, he noted, tend to be more common than storecards because they were cheaper for merchants to buy.

Haskett followed with a discussion of suttler tokens, tokens issued by private provisioners who followed the troops. These tokens are rare, he said, because not many were needed to begin with.

After a break for lunch, Wolka gave an illustrated presentation on the history of Civil War paper money. The U.S. federal government, he said, taxed privately printed paper money out of existence and issued its own paper.

CSNS Vice President James S. Moores, an Ozarks Coin Club member, called the seminar “an exceptional numismatic educational experience.”

The seminar was held at the Keeter Center at the College of the Ozarks. Education Director Ray Lockwood said, “The location



YNs Andrew Cummings and Maggie Kirwin pose with speakers Wendell Wolka, rear left, Dennis Haskett and Norm Bowers.

of the seminar was the best we've experienced." He noted all full-time students at the school, often called Hard Work U, work 15 hours a week rather than pay tuition.

Lockwood said the theme of the presentation was requested by the Ozarks Coin Club. He and the club worked out the speakers and chose the location.



CSNS Vice President James S. Moores presents a 1906 Barber half dollar to College of the Ozarks student Rebecca Wright as a token of appreciation. The school was founded in 1906.

Central States underwrites the cost of the seminars as part of its educational mission. There is never a cost to a local club, he said.

Fall seminar set for Hutchinson, KS

The Central States Numismatic Society and the Hutchinson, KS Coin Club will conduct the Fall Numismatic Seminar on Saturday, Oct. 2, fittingly in the Hutchinson First National Bank building.

This will be the first Central States seminar held in Hutchinson.

Speakers will include former ANA President Bob Campbell, current ANA President Cliff Mishler and current ANA Governor Wendell Wolka. Their topics will be announced later.

Lockwood said, "Like the successful Omaha seminar (last fall), this is an example of Central States responding to the needs and wishes of one of our member clubs. The speakers and topics are of the clubs'

choosing and not topics which we 'think' they would like!"

The Central States education committee is starting work on the 2011 seminar schedule and is seeking ideas for topics and locations, he said

Registration costs for the Hutchinson seminar is \$10 for CSNS members and \$20 for non-members (\$10 of which may be applied to a one-year CSNS membership.)

Send names, addresses and registration fees to Lockwood at 2075 E. Bocock Rd., Marion, IN 46952. Questions may be directed to Lockwood at sunrayofmarion@aol.com or 765-664-6520. 

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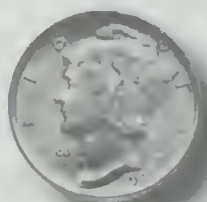
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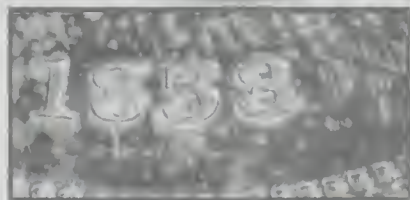
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JUST JOSHING

By Hayden Rose

It is one of the most popular and enduring stories in numismatics. When the Liberty Nickel was introduced in 1883 its close resemblance to the \$5 half eagle meant a gold-plated coin could dupe most clerks out of \$4.95. The mint's oversight became a lucrative mistake for many con men, the most prolific of whom escaped justice with \$15,000, added a new word to the dictionary and prompted the mint to add the word CENTS beneath the V on the coin's reverse.

According to legend Josh Tatum, an enterprising fraudster who was both deaf and mute, cleverly exploited his disabilities to defraud thousands of merchants and escape with his freedom. Early in 1883, noticing the newly introduced nickel's resemblance to their \$5 gold counterpart, the legendary crook is said to have enlisted a jeweler to gold plate thousands of the coins, which Tatum preceded to distribute across New England. Careful to purchase only cigars and other five-cent items Tatum's shopping sprec brought him across the Northeast. By the time his ruse was uncovered and he came to trial, Tatum had amassed \$15,000 (\$320,000 in today's money) from unsuspecting shopkeepers.

On trial Tatum conceded to the court that his fortune was amassed



The lack of the word CENTS on the reverse of the 1883 nickel was an open invitation to con men.

while spending gold-plated nickels, but that detail was only coincidental. He never attempted to pass the coins for any more than their worth. How could he without the power of speech? His bill never exceeded a nickel, even his victims acknowledged that. As for the change he received, he innocently assumed it was a gift. How could he know differently without the ability to hear. Remarkably, the court accepted this explanation and acquitted Tatum, infuriating the business community and causing an amused public to begin using the word joshing, meaning to joke or kid.

Tatum was not the only one joshing. The origin of the word predates the introduction of the Liberty Nickel by 38 years. According to Merriam-

Webster's Dictionary it first appeared in 1845. The Tatum account is further ruled out by the word's appearance in contemporary dictionaries long before the Liberty nickel's 1883 introduction.

Though the word's exact origin remains unknown, etymologists believe its entry into common use originates several decades after its first appearance with satirist Josh Billings. Largely forgotten by subsequent generations, contemporaries regarded Billings, the pen name of Henry Wheeler Shaw, as second only to Mark Twain in his field of work. Today his once popular columns, notable for their satirical use of colloquialisms and deliberately ridiculous grammar, are primarily remembered by scholars of language, who credit Billings with introducing and popularizing many new words and sufficiently ridiculing purely phonetic spellings of words to squash hopes for a simplified form of written English. By the time Billings died in 1880, three years before the first Liberty nickels circulated, the word joshing was already widely used.

The gradual evolution of the Tatum story is more recent. Among numismatists it was not widely known, perhaps

not known at all, until a 1965 article in a California publication entitled "\$5 for Nickels" related the story of "probably the most famous coin counterfeiter of all times," a previously unheard of man named Josh Tatum. In this account of the scheme, Tatum escapes justice because he never misrepresents the value of the nickels, though he can still hear and speak at this point. Those capabilities first eluded him in a 1967 piece in Syracuse's *Post-Standard*. In 1970 the *Times Standard* of Eureka, CA, declared "[m]any people attribute the saying, 'I was only joshing' to the Josh Tatum incident." The story proved popular and soon many people, especially in the numismatic community, did begin to attribute the saying to the "Josh Tatum incident," relying on colorful anecdotes over reliable accounts.

The 1880 census records four people named Josh Tatum. None of them were either deaf or mute and none of them appear in searchable court records of the era in relation to racketeer nickels. Tatum was, in all likelihood, born in the 1960's not the 19th century. He is, like all folklore, an invention, but an amusing invention. 

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Hayden Rose

Law in Your Pocket

The Legal Underpinnings of U.S. Circulating Coinage

By Benjamin J. Keele

Laws affect virtually all societal activities. One example is circulating coins. For numismatists, legal sanction by a government is a necessary characteristic of coins. If a stamped bit of metal is issued by a private entity and is not recognized by a government for use in commerce, it is not a coin, but a token or medal. A quick look at some laws relating to circulating coins (as opposed to non-circulating bullion and commemorative coins, which, while legal tender, are never spent) will show that coins serve as long-lasting reminders of the subjects they depict and the laws that made their creation possible.

Under the Articles of the Confederation, each state had authority to mint coins. This resulted in a hodgepodge of coins issued by states and foreign nations with differing values based on metallic composition. To foster a standardized, national currency, the

U.S. Constitution vested authority over coinage to the federal government.¹ Coins are manufactured by the United States Mint, an agency in the Treasury Department. Most circulating coins are produced at mints in Philadelphia and Denver, but mints also exist in San Francisco and West Point, NY. All



“Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States”

The Constitution, shown being signed in this Howard Chandler Christy painting, gives the federal government authority over coinage.

coins generally are marked with their year of mintage and the mint that produced them, but the date is not always perfectly accurate. When circumstances warrant (such as a coin shortage in 1964), the Mint can choose to use one date for multiple years.²

The denominations and compositions of coins are prescribed by statute.³ Authorized circulating denominations have not changed since gold coins were

discontinued in 1933, but the metallic compositions have changed as certain metals have become more expensive. For example, dimes, quarter dollars, and half dollars were mostly silver until 1964, but the Coinage Act of 1965⁴ changed them to cupro-nickel clad (a copper core sandwiched between a thin copper-nickel alloy -- you can see the copper on the edges of post-1964 coins). In 1982, copper became too expensive to justify making one-cent coins (despite popular opinion, “penny” has never been an official U.S. denomination). So, since 1982, those ubiquitous coins with Lincoln’s visage have been mainly zinc.

The Mint is almost certainly looking into alternatives to copper and nickel, which have become costly enough that one-cent and five-cent coins (many people call five-cent coins “nickels,” but they are actually only 25 percent nickel) have become worth more in metal than their face value. This led the Mint to promulgate regulations forbidding people to amass coins and send them abroad for melting.⁵

The Mint sells almost all its coins to the Federal Reserve (collectors can buy some coins, too, but nothing close to

the billions of coins the Fed purchases for distribution to banks). The coins are sold at face value. So, if metal prices are not a problem, the Mint makes a profit, called seigniorage, which is then transferred to the Treasury.⁶

While the composition of most U.S. coins has not changed very much in decades, the images on them have changed quite a bit, especially in the last decade. Only the dime and half dollar have been left unchanged for a long time. John F. Kennedy appeared on the half dollar in 1964, and the reverse was changed for the bicentennial. The Franklin D. Roosevelt design for the dime design has not been altered since 1946. Nothing is stopping the Mint from redesigning these coins. Without congressional directive, the Mint can change coin designs after 25 years,⁷ so perhaps the dime and half dollar will be modified in the near future.

Coin designs are meticulously crafted and, to a degree, standardized by law. In addition to identifying data, such as date and denomination, generally all coins minted today must bear the legends “In God We Trust,” “Liberty” and “E Pluribus Unum.”⁸ The faces depicted on coins are usually those of

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Benjamin J. Keele

personifications of Liberty and former presidents. But some deviations from the Liberty/president motif have emerged.

The dollar coin, despite its superior durability over paper money and the government's efforts, has failed to gain currency (pun intended) with the public. After Dwight Eisenhower was honored on the one dollar coin, Susan B. Anthony appeared on a smaller coin. It took nearly 20 years for the supply of dollars struck between 1979 and 1981 to run low enough that the Mint had to make more. In an effort to boost the public acceptance of the dollar coin, Congress decided to try changing the composition to manganese-brass-clad copper and commemorate Sacagawea, Lewis and Clark's guide.⁹ Now dollar coins memorialize past presidents and significant contributions of Native Americans.¹⁰ The dollar coin has become more a vehicle for commemorating important historical figures than a popular part of cash transactions.

The quarter dollar has also had a great deal of variety the past few years. With the 50 States Quarters Act, Congress established a new program to honor all 50 states on the reverse (tails) of the quarter dollar.¹¹ The design process for the quarters was more involved than for other coins. Usually the Mint's in-house engravers make a design, or

the Mint commissions an outside artist. For the 50 States quarters, each state was allowed to procure its own design, subject to the Mint's approval (designing a coin is tricky in that metal flow, die wear, and other technical details have to be considered). Some

designs were also quashed by the rule that no living persons be featured. The 10-year program was so successful that another year was added to include Washington, D.C., and the territories.¹² Quarters will continue to have new designs each year; starting this year, five quarters per year will honor national parks and monuments.¹³

Finally, the one-cent and five-cent coins recently had refreshing new designs. Before these changes, they had been rather stale; the one-cent had not had a change since 1959, and the five-cent had not been modified at all since the 1938 Jefferson/Monticello theme. In 2009, new reverse designs were released on the one-cent to commemorate the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth.¹⁴ In 2010, a Union shield replaced the Lincoln Memorial on the reverse. In 2004 and 2005, two different reverses each year for the nickel marked the bicentennial anniversaries of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expeditions. In 2006, Monticello returned to the reverse, but the obverse saw a new version of Jefferson's portrait.¹⁵



Neither the large Eisenhower dollar nor the small Sacagawea dollar proved popular with the public.



Since 2003, before a coin design can be selected (usually by the Secretary of the Treasury), the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (a group representing the general public) and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts must be consulted, thereby weeding out the least aesthetically appealing designs. Given that millions, if not billions, of each circulating coin will be made, a rigorous selection process is quite understandable. Proposals to fundamentally change circulating coins are rare; proposals to abolish the cent have cropped up from time to time, but never seem to attract much political support. What legal and political factors have historically influenced the course of U.S. coinage (and currency) warrants further investigation, but for the moment, simply recognizing the role of law in our pocket change is enough.

As you can see, coins are legal creatures. Laws dictate their design, composition, and even their status as legal tender. Despite the increasing prevalence of electronic payment mechanisms, coins are likely to continue to have a role in commerce for some time.

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A Numismatic Tribute to Jay W. Johnson

By Steven M. Bieda

I have been collecting for a number of years, and in the course of my "numismatic journeys" have had the pleasure of meeting a number of interesting people. I first met Jay W. Johnson, 36th director of the United States Mint, and last Democratic appointee to hold that post, at the summer ANA convention in Baltimore a couple years ago. We subsequently developed a periodic correspondence that lasted right up to a couple days before he died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Bristow, VA, on Oct. 17, 2009.

Johnson hailed from the Central States region; he was born and educated in Michigan, and served as a broadcaster and journalist in Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin (as well as Florida - a winter home for many snowbird Central States members). Johnson was born in the iron-ore mining community of Bessemer, MI, on Sept. 30, 1943. His father owned the local hardware store and his mother was the town librarian. He had an older brother and a twin sister.

Although his family had no political leaning, Johnson would later recount that he took an interest in the Kennedy - Nixon debates during the 1960 presidential election, which inspired him to seek and win the office of student council president while in high school.

Johnson graduated from Goge-



Jay W. Johnson

bic Community College in 1963 and Northern Michigan University in 1965. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War as an information specialist from 1966 to 1968. After his Army service, Johnson went back for a master's degree from Michigan State University, which he earned in 1970.

His career was primarily as a broadcaster and journalist, the bulk of which was spent in Green Bay, WI, where for 16 years he worked for WFRV followed by work with the NBC affiliate WLUK from 1981 until 1996. In 1996 his career took an interesting turn when he left TV journalism to run for Congress as a Democrat in Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District. He filed against incumbent Toby Roth, who announced two days later that he would not seek

re-election. Johnson faced Republican State Assembly Speaker David Prosser in the ensuing election, winning by 52 percent of the vote. Two years later, however, the freshman congressman lost re-election to Republican State Representative Mark Green, thus ending his career in elected politics.

President Clinton nominated Johnson to be the 36th director of the Mint in September 1999. He was confirmed and took office in May 2000. Johnson replaced Philip N. Diehl, who had left in March 2000 having held the post since June, 1994. Like most Mint directors before or since, Johnson had little numismatic background prior to taking the post.

The election of George W. Bush in 2000 saw the end of Johnson's brief tenure at the Mint. He was replaced by Henrietta Holsman Fore who served from August 2001 to August 2005. When she left for a position with the State Department, she was replaced by Edmund C. Moy, the current director.

Traditionally, Mint directors are honored with a medal marking their tenure. In 2001, the Mint produced a 3-inch

bronze medal honoring Johnson.

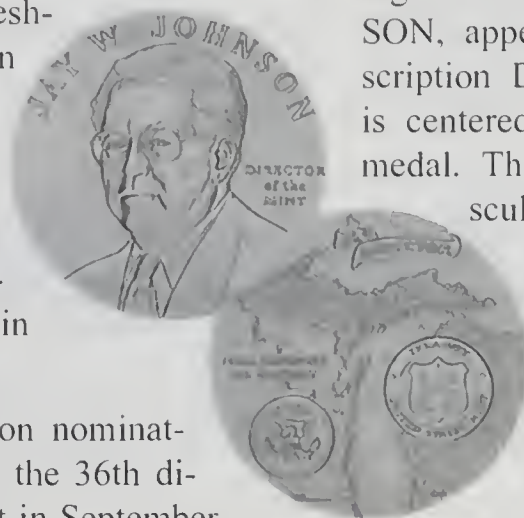
The obverse features a very realistic three-quarter portrait of Johnson facing left. His name, JAY W. JOHNSON, appears across the top. The inscription DIRECTOR OF THE MINT is centered on the right side of the medal. The obverse was designed and sculpted by T. James Ferrell.

The reverse features a close-up of Michigan's Upper Peninsula (Johnson's birthplace) along with portions of Michigan's lower Peninsula and Wisconsin. Lines on the

Wisconsin area show Johnson's congressional district. The maps of the two states are distinguished with Michigan having a textured surface and Wisconsin's smooth.

A banner appears above the Upper Peninsula on the reverse, bearing the inscription 36th DIRECTOR. In addition, the congressional seal is above the Wisconsin map, along with the inscription 105 CONGRESS 8th DISTRICT. The U.S. Mint seal is to the right side of the map. The reverse was designed by Thomas D. Rogers and sculpted by Donna Weaver.

The medal was struck at the Philadelphia, but bears no mint mark. It



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was the 24th official medal struck for a mint director (several previous directors not having had a medal struck).

Although Johnson's tenure at the Mint was relatively brief, he stayed in numismatics as a profession. He was self-employed as a consultant and worked as a "chief numismatist" and TV spokesman for the Franklin Mint. He also derived income from the sale of specially signed PCGS encapsulated coins issued during or related to his tenure at the Mint. In June 2009 he also became a TV spokesman for Goldline International Inc.

Examples of both his U. S. Mint medal and of the special PCGS coins can be found with moderate searching on Internet auction sites as well as at coin shows.

At the time of his death, Johnson was seeking reappointment with the new Democratic administration as mint director. Had he been successful, John-

son would have been the third mint director to have a noncontinuous term of office, and the first since George Evans Roberts a century ago.

For collectors who like official United States medals, numismatic items related to the history of the Mint or items relating to either the states of Wisconsin or Michigan, the Mint medal for the 36th director of the Mint would make a nice addition to a collection. 

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The Franklin Half Dollar



Common and plain,

but the last half to actually circulate

By Ginger Rapsus

The Franklin half dollar has long been overshadowed by the half dollars minted before and after its short run. This coin may not have the beauty of the Walking Liberty design, nor the sentimental value of the Kennedy half, but Franklin half dollars make a nice set in their own right. There are different ways to collect, a few varieties to keep a collector looking, and it's just a nice coin to save.

Franklin halves were perhaps the last half dollar coin to really see circulation. Many of the Franklin halves show circulation; some are quite worn and circulated sets are easy to find. This writer even found a few in change back in the '60s.

This coin was designed by John R. Sinnock, the designer of the Roosevelt dime. His initials JRS can be found at the base of Ben Franklin's bust. His initials on the dime appear as JS, and

rumors circulated that the letters stood for Joseph Stalin; perhaps that is why all three initials were used on the half dollar. The rather plain design depicts a bust of founding father Benjamin Franklin on the obverse and the Liberty Bell and a very small eagle on the reverse.

The coin was minted only from 1948-1963, 16 years of production. Coins were minted at Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco. A basic date and mint-mark set can be acquired without much trouble or cash outlay. There are no major rarities, although a few are elusive in high grade mint state, especially well-struck coins with full bell lines.

First-year-of-issue coins are always popular, and the 1948 coin was a favorite of mine. It seemed so old to me when I was a young collector and began paying more attention to coins and everyday change. I tried to accumulate a number of 1948-P and D half dollars

in all conditions, and found quite a few.

Perhaps I should have tried to find coins of the second year of issue. The 1949 coins are scarcer and harder to find in full mint state, especially the San Francisco issue.

The coins with the lowest mintage are the 1955-P and 1953-P; the highest mintage figure, by far, belongs to the 1963-D, with the 1962-D second highest. Only 35 coins make up a complete date and mint-mark set.

Once the novelty of a new coin design wears off, the later issues usually see more circulation. Franklin halves of the '50s were spent without a second thought. I have never seen a Franklin half dollar with the rims worn into the lettering, as I have with Walking Liberty halves, but many were used in commerce and show much wear.

When I collected in the late '60s, a few half dollars could still be found in circulation, and I would usually ask for them if I saw any lying in the cash register. I found many half dollars of 1960, 1962 and 1963. Relatives and grandparents had a few tucked away, and sometimes I would receive a few of these half dollars as payment for chores or running errands. A near-complete set was put together this way.

Upgrading this set was never a problem, as choice mint state Franklin halves could always be found at coin shops. But when collectors began examining details more closely, and better strikes commanded much better prices, more numismatists asked for coins with full bell lines. Some coins with full bell lines command high prices, surprisingly high to collectors who grew up with Franklin halves and

always thought of them as common coins.

Beautifully toned coins also sell for high prices. The plain design with much background lends itself to colorful toning, and I have seen and owned a few of these pieces myself.

Collectors who like this series and complete a date and mint-mark set can branch out, and look for the Franklin half dollars struck in proof. A set of Franklins from 1950-1963, all proof and mounted in a special holder, makes an attractive item. Fans of frosted proof coins will find a challenge, and it may take some looking to find these coins. There is also a variety, a double-die 1961 struck in proof. The doubling is apparent on the motto E PLURIBUS UNUM on the reverse.

Franklin half dollars make a nice set. Call them modern, common and plain, but a set of these coins makes a good collection to own as a remembrance of a time when half dollars actually circulated and coins were made of 90 percent silver. 

Meet the author

Ginger Rapsus became interested in coins when her grandmother gave her two silver dollars, 1921 Morgan and 1922 Peace. She was fascinated by the fact the coins were so different, yet only a year apart. This fascination led to a 40-year hobby in numismatics.

She has written dozens of articles on coins and one book, *United States Clad Coinage*. She hopes to publish a second edition soon. Besides writing about coins, she has recently completed her fifth novel. Ginger lives in Chicago and is an avid sports fan.

Rust shows wonders at 'Central America' seminar

Two pieces of rust drew the most ohhs and ahhs at the Bob Evans seminar on May 2.

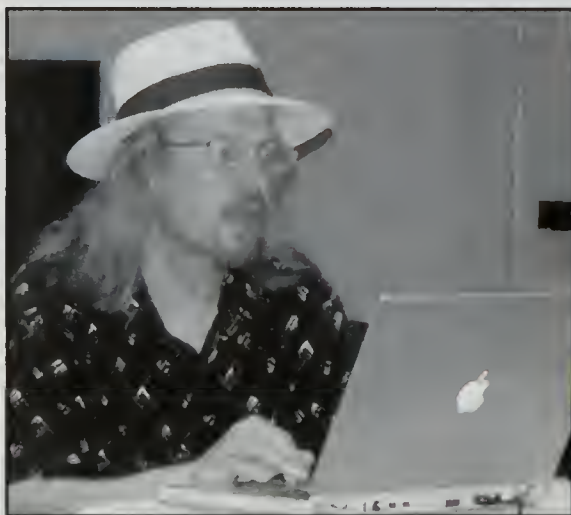
No conventional bits of rust, these two pieces floated off uncirculated 1857-S double eagles during the conservation process after they had been salvaged from the wreck of the *S.S. Central America*. They bore nearly complete impressions of the obverse and reverse of the coins.

Evans, chief scientist in the discovery and salvage of the Gold Rush-era treasure, said the two incuse impressions, like dies, even show the mint luster that is present on the original coins. He said the fragile pieces, which are only as thick as a sheet of paper or two, have the glossy surfaces of brown uncirculated early large cents.

In the course of conserving thousands of gold coins from the wreck, hundreds of pieces of rust floated off, but only these two showed nearly complete impressions.

The copper-bottom wooden ship went down in a hurricane on Sept. 12, 1857, killing 425 men. The ship also contained 750 tons of iron, mostly in the steam engine and boilers. Over the 130 years that passed between sinking and salvage, much of the metal rusted away, leaving a thin coat of iron oxide on the exposed surfaces of everything from crockery to coal and coins.

Evans said he used a proprietary solution to remove the rust from the ships coins, but only after practicing on un-



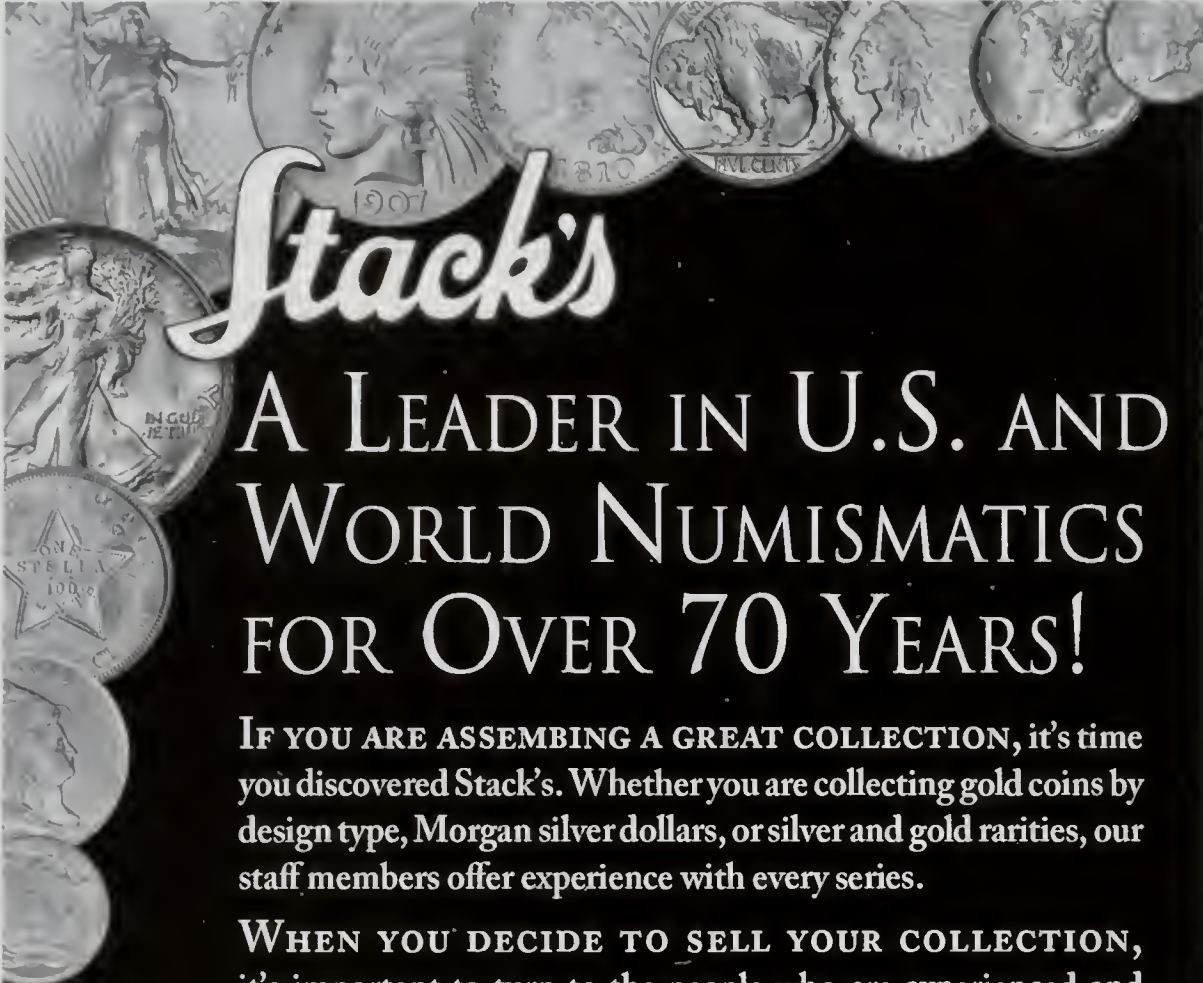
Bob Evans discusses the shipwreck.

circulated Krugerrands and coal. He said he first used the solution to remove rust deposits from the ship's coal. The solution removed the rust without disturbing the coal's shiny surfaces. Next he taped nails to new Krugerrands and left them in sea water for a few weeks. The solution did the trick on these, too.

Only then did he move onto the salvaged coins and ingots. After some 130 years under water, he did not want to damage the artifacts trying to preserve them.

During the course of the daylong seminar, Evans described how the ship was found and salvaged and the protracted legal battle that it took to get possession of the treasure. Insurance companies battled for a share of the prize, even though none could prove that they had insured any of cargo.

Evans said he thinks more gold is on the bottom and would like to work on a return expedition. 



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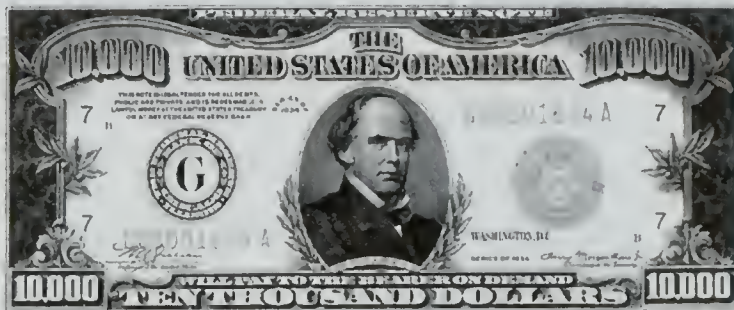
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The Chicago Coin Club issued a souvenir card and presented it to every attendee at their meeting held in conjunction with the Chicago Paper Money Expo in March.

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Jeffrey Rosinia, assisted by Elliot Krieter, put the souvenir card together. The Chicago Coin Club has issued a long series of souvenir cards of Chicago banknotes. The list can be seen at www.chicagocoinclub.org.

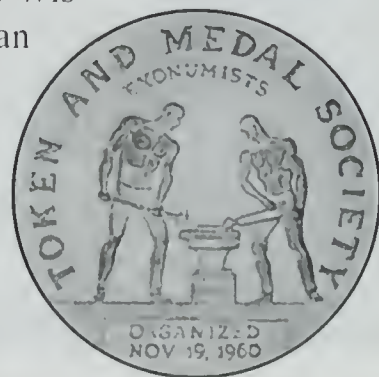
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TAMS turns 50

A 50th anniversary dinner for Token and Medal Society members from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin will be held Nov. 26, 2010, during the Michigan State Numismatic Society convention in Dearborn, MI. Concurrently, Mich-TAMS is also celebrating its 45th anniversary.

According to chairperson Clifford Mishler, TAMS was founded on Nov. 19, 1960, at the Book-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit as part of the Fall MSNS Convention.

The club was originally known as the Society of Token, Medal and Obsolete Paper Money Collectors and was subsequently divided out as TAMS and the Society of Paper Money Collectors.



The dinner is open to anyone interested in tokens and medals. Tickets are \$25 through Nov. 1, down from \$46, thanks to several generous donations.

For more information, or to make a donation, please contact Kathy Freeland at ksfdaf@sbcglobal.net or 989-843-5247.

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Numismatic literature dealers David F. Fanning and George Frederick Kolbe have merged their operations into Kolbe & Fanning LLC Numismatic Booksellers at 141 W. Johnstown Rd. Gahanna, Ohio, 43230.

Both Kolbe and Fanning will be active in the operation. Kolbe established George Frederick Kolbe Fine Numismatic Books in 1967. Fanning entered the numismatic literature field in 2003. The combined company's first sale was June 3 and featured the second part of the Stack Family Library. Fanning said, the sale brought \$140,000, slightly over pre-sale estimate.

The catalog and prices-realized list for this sale can be found on the Kolbe & Fanning website at www.numislit.com.

Chicago Coin Club to host ANA show

The American Numismatic Association's Board of Governors has selected the Chicago Coin Club as the host club for the Summer 2011 World's Fair of Money to be held Aug. 12-20.

Chicago Coin Club Past President and Zerbe Award winner Charles J. Ricard was named honorary general chairman.



Thank you, Central States

We would like to thank Convention Chair Kevin Foley, President Don Charters and the rest of the Central States Numismatic Society Board for providing a free table for the ANA at your recently completed 71st Anniversary Convention held in Milwaukee, WI, on April 27 - May 2, 2010. We were able to sign up close to 20 members for the association. We also participated in the CSNS sponsored YN Treasure Hunt and assisted visitors with questions on the hobby and ANA.

A special thanks to Jesse Hoogeveen for donating \$50 to the ANA, which paid the cost for shipping the show kit. We hope to return to the next CSNS convention, which will be held in Rosemont, IL. on April 27- 30, 2011, at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. Thanks again, Larry Shepherd, Kim Kiick, Tom Hallenbeck, Dr. Walt Ostromecki Jr., Robert Fritsch. -- John and Nancy Wilson, American Numismatic Association. 

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The President and Board of Governors of the Central States Numismatic Society are pleased to announce the availability of Adult and Young Numismatist Scholarships for Society members to attend the Summer Seminar educational program of the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Summer Seminar is a week-long series of educational lectures and classes held each year at ANA headquarters on the campus of Colorado College. Award includes tuition, room (double occupancy rate) and board, as well as coach-class airfare from the airport nearest the awardee's place of legal residence or at the current federal mileage rate per mile by car, whichever is less. Maximum value of the award is \$1,400. An adult awardee must be a CSNS member for a minimum of three (3) years; a YN awardee, one (1) year. Previous winners are not eligible.

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The Wizard of Oz:

A Midwest Cyclone of Numismatic Allegory ... or a Hot Air Balloon?

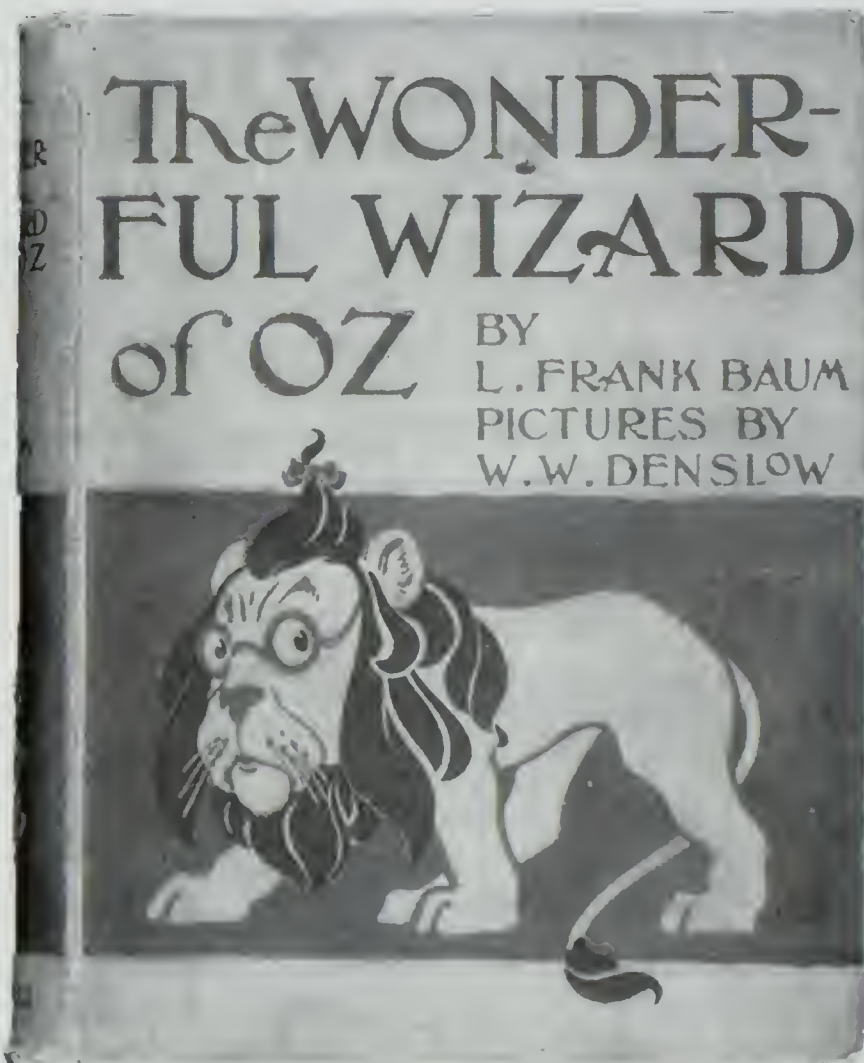
By Michael E. Marotta

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Numismatists Walter Breen, Mitch Sanders, and Lane Brunner joined professors of political science, history and economics who found a rich inventory of allusions in *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum. According to an impressive list of articles from academic journals and newspaper features, Baum wove the political debates of his time into his fable. Within the story are the Crime of '73 and the presidential campaigns of William Jennings Bryan. Easiest to identify are the characters best known from the 1939 film version. The Scarecrow represents farmers; the Tin Woodman is the industrial worker; Cowardly Lion is Bryan; the Emerald City is the White House; and the Wizard is President McKinley. All of that is merely an introduction. Over the last

45 years, each new interpreter uncovered new messages in the text.

The tradition of reading *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* as an allegory of political economy began in 1964 with an article in *American Quarterly* by



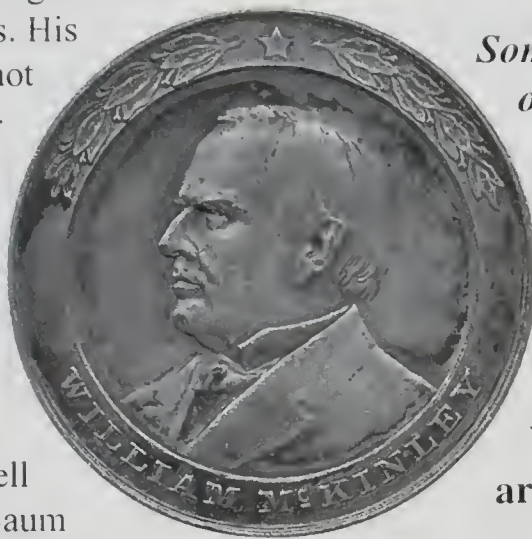
L. Frank Baum's The Wonderful Wizard of Oz has been bewitching children and bewildering coin collectors since it was released 110 years ago.

Henry M. Littlefield, "The Wizard of Oz: Parable on Populism." A high school history teacher, Littlefield used

his ideas to bring the Progressive Era to life for his classes. His thesis, however, was not wholly invented. He cited the 1957 biography by Martin Gardner and Russell B. Nye, *The Wizard of Oz and Who He Was*. Also, the 1961 biography, *To Please a Child* by Frank Joslyn Baum and Russell P. MacFall identified Baum as a Democrat. “Stirred by William Jennings Bryan’s ‘Cross of Gold’ speech at the 1896 Democratic Convention, he marched in torchlight parades in behalf of Bryan’s candidacy.”

That said, the populist interpretation explicitly began with Littlefield. Numismatic elements were minimal. For instance, Littlefield never mentioned *The Crime of '73* by name. He allowed that even as there may be elements of allegory, it was not Baum’s primary intention, and some of the parallels fail because the story of Dorothy in Oz is more important. Littlefield first identified the Tin Woodman, Scarecrow, and Cowardly Lion, by their accepted associations. However, Littlefield said that the Wizard “might be any president from Grant to McKinley.” (Oddly, when the Wizard is unmasked as a humbug, he is from Omaha in William Jennings Bryan’s state.)

As the Wicked Witch of the West takes advantage of Dorothy’s ignorance about the power of the silver shoes (“ruby slippers” in the movie), Littlefield likened the Witch to Marcus Hanna who held people prisoner by taking advantage of their ignorance. Littlefield also saw in the Wicked



Some have theorized over the years that President McKinley, shown on a 1907 memorial medal, was the man behind the curtain in The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.

Witch of the West “a diabolical force of Darwinian or Spencerian nature.” Dorothy melts the Witch with water, life giving and precious to Midwest farmers so often facing drought. Dorothy returns to Kansas with the power of the silver slippers but they fall off her feet over the desert. With Dorothy in Kansas, and the Wizard seeking Nebraska, Oz is ruled by the Scarecrow (farmers achieve national importance); the Tin Woodman rules in the west (industrialism moves west); and the William Jennings Bryan commands lesser politicians as the Cowardly Lion takes over the old forest to protect the Hammerheads and other small beasts.

In the 1973 *Annotated Wizard of Oz*, Michael Patrick Hearn granted validity to Littlefield’s broader claims, that as a conscious effort to create an American fairy tale, Baum’s work does reflect elements of his time. Hearn warned that Littlefield strained to make other points. That caveat went unheeded as the allegory of Oz took off on an ascent of its own.

On March 19, 1988, the *Los Angeles Times* carried a feature by political

science professor Michael A. Genovese. The work was syndicated and appeared (condensed) on April 17, 1988, in the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Repeating the symbols, Genovese added that Oz is an abbreviation for the gold ounce. The Tin Woodman's being rusted represents factories shut down during the depression of 1893.

In 1989, again reciting the existing symbolisms, professors Michael Watts and Robert F. Smith decided that Oz stands for the ounce of either silver or gold. ("Economics in Literature and Drama," *The Journal of Economic Education*, Vol. 20 No. 3.) While Watts and Smith identified the Wicked Witch of the East as the large industrial corporations, writing "The Politics of Oz" for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, September 24, 1989, Peter Dreier let them be the Wicked Witch of the West.

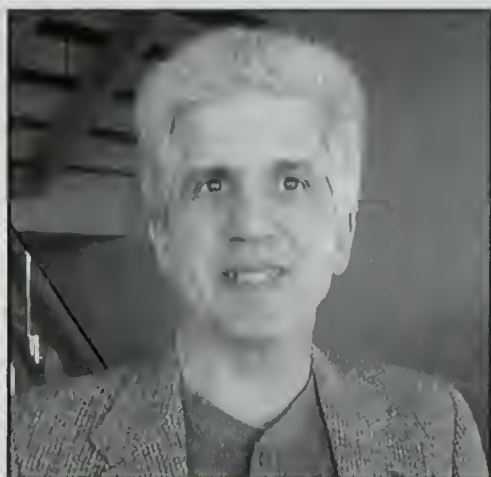
Then, Walter Breen spoke. Generally, sticking close to the Littlefield narrative, Breen paraphrased during his address, "Metallic Panaceas: Gold Bugs, Silver Crusaders, and the Wizard of Oz," at the November 8-9, 1989, Coinage of the America's Conference. Much greater visibility went to Hugh Rockoff's rhapsodic 1990 article for the *Journal of Political Economy*,

"The 'Wizard of Oz' as a Monetary Allegory." Said Rockoff: "The cyclone is the free silver movement itself. It came roaring out of the West in 1896, shaking the political establishment to its foundations." More than just the Eastern Establishment, the Wicked Witch of the East is Grover Cleveland. The Lion falling asleep in the poppy field represents the issue of anti-imperialism, which distracts Bryan from the free silver issue. Once inside the Emerald City, to see the Wizard, they must travel through seven passages and up three flights of stairs: 73 = The Crime of '73. Rather than McKinley, the "man behind the curtain" is Marcus Hannah. McKinley is the Wicked Witch of the West. Rockhoff identified the Yellow Winkies (not in the movie) as the Filipinos. In the book, while holding Dorothy prisoner, Wicked Witch of the West steals one of her silver shoes, blocking Dorothy from using them, even if she knew how. This symbolized McKinley's clever vacillation, not against bimetallism but wanting first to call an international conference on it. Rockhoff delved deeper into the book, pointing out that at the end, the Woodman receives an axe with a gold handle and silvery head, while Toto and

Meet the author

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He says his collecting interests include plantation scrip from Tierra del Fuego and brass carousel rings of the Maumee County Fair.

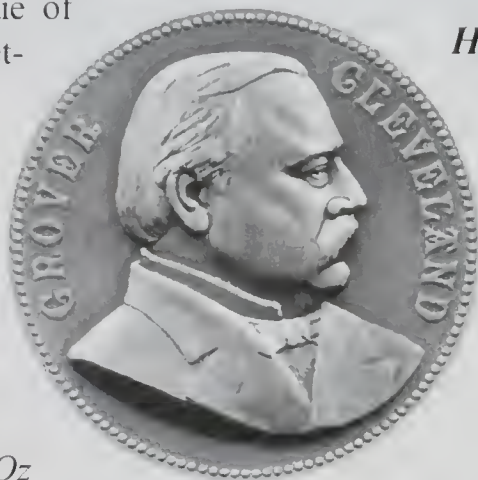


the Lion wear collars of gold. In the July 1991 issue of *The Numismatist* (“Setting the Standards on the Road to Oz”), Mitch Sanders repeated the major elements.

From December 20, 1991, to February 7, 1992, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* was the pivot for a series of exchanges in the letters to *The New York Times*. Some saw religion, others politics. Michael Patrick Hearn (editor of *The Annotated Wizard of Oz*) was adamant: Baum was not a populist. His newspaper, *The Aberdeen Saturday Pioneer*, was Republican. Baum published a poem in the *Chicago Times Herald* in support of McKinley. After addressing a Republican rally, Baum was invited to speak to the local Democrats where he gave the same speech to the same admiring applause.

Littlefield’s letter thanked Hearn. “I absolutely agree with Mr. Hearn that there is no basis in fact to consider Baum a supporter of turn-of-the-century Populist ideology. ... I still think of the possibility of political allusions in *The Wizard of Oz* as a kind of undercurrent, a context. My original point in the article was not to label Baum, or to lessen any of his magic, but rather, as a history teacher at Mount Vernon High School, to invest turn-of-the-century America with the imagery and wonder I have always found in his stories.”

That, of course, did nothing to stop the inventions. Bradley A Hansen wrote “The Fable of the Allegory: The Wizard of Oz in Economics,” for the



Hugh Rockoff of Rutgers University pegged President Grover Cleveland, shown here on a U.S. Mint medal, as the Wicked Witch of the East.

Journal of Economic Education, Summer 2002. Dr. Lane Brunner brought his inventory of interpretations to the ANA’s National Money Show in Charlotte, on March 18, 2007, one of five presentations in two years that he delivered to coin clubs and the Pioneers Museum in Colorado Springs. Not surprisingly, there is even a Wikipedia entry for “Political Interpretations of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*.”

The major biographers – Hearn; Gardner and Nye; Baum and MacFall – agree: in writing *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, Baum sought to create an American fairy tale. The Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen are often gruesome and in any case archaic. Baum’s story is filled with the stuff of 19th century America: hot air balloons, colored glasses, and mechanisms. Moreover, it all works out well for the good guys without their being vengeful or retributive. That Baum wrote from his time and place is clear. (In the next Oz book, women take over the kingdom. Later, the Scarecrow is stuffed with paper money.) The claim that the books are replete with hidden numismatic messages (7 halls and 3 stairs) is unsupportable. 

Coin Club Meetings

This roster of CSNS member coin clubs is published for the convenience of collectors visiting the Central States area who may wish to attend a local club meeting. You are urged to phone or e-mail ahead to confirm meeting times and locations.

ILLINOIS

Central Illinois Numismatic Association (CINA) ... meets at 7 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, North Council, 2801 West St., Springfield, IL. (No meetings in August or December.) Contact: Steve Butler, 217-528-7634.

Chicago Coin Club ... holds meetings at several area coin and paper money shows during the year, plus meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Chicago Bar Association Bldg., 321 S. Plymouth Ct., Chicago, IL 60604. For possible changes, you are invited to monitor the club Web site: www.chicagocoinclub.org, or for more information, contact Secretary Carl Wolf at carlwolfco@msn.com (Club mailing address: Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690).

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Will County Coin Club ... meets at 7:30 p.m. the 1st Thursday of each month at People's First Bank, 3100 Theodore St., Joliet, IL. Contact: Mark Wieclaw, 815-485-4137.

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Calumet Numismatic Society ... meets in Munster, IN, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Munster Public Library, 8701 Calumet Ave. (No meetings in January or February.) Contact: President Ken Fehlberg, Box 161, St. John, IN 46373, e-mail: stumpy777@mehsi.com. Web site: <http://777customs.com/meetings.htm>

Evansville Coin Club ... meets on a Sunday at 1:30 p.m. monthly at the Ohio Township Public Library in Newburgh, IN, located on the SW corner of I-66 & Bell Rd. Each meeting features an educational presentation and an auction. Meeting dates vary, so please visit the club's Web site for more information: www.evansvillecoinclub.com. To contact the club, send an e-mail to evansvillecoinclub@insightbb.com.

Indianapolis Coin Club ... meets the 4th Monday of each month (except December) from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St. Web site: www.indianapoliscoinclub.org.

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Lafayette Numismatic Society ... meets at 2 p.m. the last Sunday of every month at the Lafayette City Hall, 20 N. 6th St., Lafayette, IN 47901. Dues: \$7.50 for adults; free for juniors. Web site: lafayettecoinclub.tripod.com. Contact: President Bruce Schlink, 765-564-4391; e-mail: bschlink@hughes.net.

Logansport Coin Club ... meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Logansport Public Library, 7th & Broadway, Logansport, IN. Contact: Dave Colford, 574-753-9887.

Madison County Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of the month at the #663 Union Hall, 29th St. & Madison Ave., Anderson, IN. Club address: Box 2, Anderson, IN 46011. Contact: Coyle Shaw, president, 765-643-9888.

Marion Coin Club ... meets the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. - except August and September - at the Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion, IN. Contact: Ray Lockwood, 765-664-6520; e-mail: sunrayofmarion@aol.com.

Muncie Coin & Stamp Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Minnestria Cultural Center (on Minnestria Parkway, just off Wheeling Ave.) Contact: Ray Saylor, 765-288-0371.

Old Fort Coin Club ... meets every 2nd Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave., Fort Wayne, IN. Contact: 260-482-9890.

Wabash Valley Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Vigo County Library, corner of 7th & Poplar, Terre Haute, IN. Contact: Marvin Mericle, 812-898-1260; e-mail: marv626@att.net.

IOWA

Ames Coin Club ... meets the last Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Heartland Senior Citizen Center, 205 Walnut Ave. Contact: Scott Nichols, 515-232-9222 or 515-291-8352.

Cedar Rapids Coin Club ... meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Rockwell Collins Main Plant Cafeteria, between 35th and 32nd Sts. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA. Contact: Dean Parr, 319-366-0552 or drparr@mchsi.com. Web site: crrc.anaclubs.org.

Old Capitol Coin Club ... meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Veterans Hospital, 3rd floor cafeteria, 601 Hwy. 6 W., Iowa City. Contact: Tom Robertson, 319-351-2512; e-mail: tdrobertson1@juno.com.

Port City Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except December (3rd Tuesday), in the Iowa Room of Holiday Inn, Jet. of Hwys. 61 & 38, Muscatine, IA. (No meetings in June, July and August.) Contact: Nevin Roberts; e-mail: nevlanrob@machlink.com.

KANSAS

Hutchinson Coin Club.... meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.. at Gambino's Pizza, 310 S. Main St., South Hutchinson, KS, except in July and August, picnic in September. Contact: Francis Hawks, 620-663-1474.

Johnson County Numismatic Society ... meets at 7:15 p.m. the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Lenexa Community Center, Pflumm Rd. at Santa Fe Trail Dr., Lenexa, KS. (No meeting - coin show only - in October.) Contact: Mark McWherter, 913-649-7070 (days) or 913-764-0386 (evenings).

Salina Coin Club ... meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the VFW Post #1432, 1108 W. Crawford St., Salina, KS, except for coin show in April, picnic in September and party in December. Contacts: Larry Hower, 785-452-9331; Joe Ayotte, 785-825-0706.

KENTUCKY

Bluegrass Coin Club ... meets at 6:30 p.m. the 2nd Monday of each month at the Bistro in Joseph-Beth Booksellers, 161 Lexington Green Circle, #B, Lexington, KY 40503. Contact: Charles R. Moore Jr., 859-276-1551. Web site: www.bluegrasscoinclub.org.

Louisville Coin Club ... meets the 3rd Sunday of each month - except December - at 2:00 p.m. at the Holiday Garden Inn, 2735 Crittenden Dr., Louisville, KY. Contact: John Bally, 812-945-3622.

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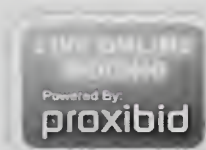
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Cherryland Coin and Stamp Club ... meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the VFW Hall, 2780 Veterans Dr., Traverse City, MI. Contact: Harry Sellers, hdsellers@charter.net

Dearborn Coin Club ... meets the 1st Tuesday of each month September thru June at the Ross McFadden House, 915 Brady St., Dearborn, MI. (No meetings in July or August) Contact: 313-563-6437.

Kalamazoo Numismatic Club ... meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m., at the Heritage Christian Reformed Church, 2857 S. 11th St., Kalamazoo, MI. (Auctions on 2nd Wed.; educational programs on 4th. No 4th Wed. meetings in Nov. & Dec.) Contact: Russ Barr, 269-381-8669.

Lincoln Coin Club ... meets 2nd & 4th Mondays (except on major holidays) at the Polish Falcons Meeting Hall, Toledo-Dix, Southgate, MI. Contact: Troy Haarala, 313-381-1287.

NorthWest Detroit Coin Club ... meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI. (No summer meetings) Contact: Donald F. Priebe, 734-425-9225.

The Polish American Numismatic Society ... meets at 1:30 p.m. on the 1st Saturday of each month at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Rd. (at Dequindre), Troy, MI. Contact: President Les Rosik 248-909-2670.

MINNESOTA

College City Coin Club ... meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Northfield Community Center, Senior Citizens Hall, 1651 Jefferson Pky., Northfield, MN. Contact: Jerry Swanson, 507-289-5099.

Northwest Coin Club ... meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Kenwood Recreation Center, 2101 W. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, MN. Contact: Ev Levens, 763-757-4251; or John Steinhoff, 651-698-1741.

Owatonna Coin & Stamp Club ... meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Place, Park & Rec. Dept., 500 Dunnell Dr., Owatonna, MN. (No meetings in July, August or December.) Contact: Mark D. Rasmussen, 507-451-7538.

Rochester Area Coin Club ... meets the last Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Dos Amigos Restaurant (downstairs), 20 4th St. SE, Rochester, MN. Contact: Jerry Swanson, 507-289-5099.

MISSOURI

Ozark's Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Discovery Center, St. Louis St., in Springfield, MO. Contact: Secretary Leon Cunningham, 417-723-8162; e-mail: leonray@hotmail.com.

Missouri Numismatic Society ... meets the 4th Wednesday of the month (except December) at 7 p.m. at the Creve Coeur American Legion Post, 934 E. Rue de la Banque, St. Louis (located off Olive and Ballas, just east of I-270). Contact: Chris Sutter, 314-644-5935. Web site: missourinumismaticsociety.org.

NEBRASKA

Lincoln Coin Club ... meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Hampton Inn, 5922 Vandervoort Dr. (59th & Old Cheney Rd., behind Lazlow's), Lincoln, NE. Contact: Barry Nowak, 402-483-4499.

Lincoln Numismatic Society ... meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Hampton Inn, 5922 Vandervoort Dr., Lincoln, NE. Visitors are welcome. Contacts: David Willsie, DFWSafety@aol.com; Jim Bulmer, jbulmer57@hotmail.com; or Roger Pabian, rpabian@neb.rr.com.

Omaha Coin Club ... meets the 3rd Friday of each month, with YN meeting at 7 p.m. and regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office, 8015 W. Center Rd., Omaha, NE. Contact: President Mitch Ernst, 402-397-2696; e-mail: OmahaCoinClub@msn.com. Web site: OCC.anaclubs.org.

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Red River Valley Coin Club ... meets from Labor Day to Memorial Day (no summer meetings) at 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the Moorhead Public Library, 118 5th St. S., Moorhead, MN. Contact: Bill O'Brien, Box 10731, Fargo, ND 58106; 701-239-4827.

OHIO

Central Ohio Numismatic Association (Columbus) ... meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except December) at 7 p.m. at the Oakstone Academy (formerly Westerville Athletic Club, 939 S. State St, Westerville, OH. Each meeting features a numismatic program, coin quiz, raffle and auction. Contact: Gerald Tebben, 614-263-1006; e-mail: gtebben@columbus.rr.com. Web site: www.cnscoins.com.

Cincinnati Numismatic Association ... meets at 7 p.m. usually on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Cincinnati Bar Center, 225 E. 6th St., in downtown Cincinnati. Contact: Emmett Ey, 513-385-0550. Web site: www.cincycoinclub.org.

Clark County Coin Club – meets at 7:30 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of each month in the Jeff Wyler Auto 2nd floor showroom in Springfield.

Dayton-Kettering Coin Club ... meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Wilmington-Stroop Library, 3980 Wilmington Pike, Kettering, OH. Contact: 937-344-0715. E-mail: tkakers3316@sbcglobal.net

WISCONSIN

Kenosha Coin Club ... meets the 1st Thursday of each month (No meetings in July and August.) at 7 p.m. at Kenosha Union Hall, 3030 39th Ave., Kenosha, WI. Contact: Jerry Binsfeld, 262-657-4653 (days); 262-654-6272 (nights).

Milwaukee Numismatic Society ... meets at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Mayfair Mall Community Room, 2500 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, WI. (Use entrance #2 on east side of mall.) Contact: Bruce Benoit, 414-282-8128; e-mail: benwab@sbcglobal.net.

Nicolet Coin Club ... meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at The Bay Restaurant, Military and 9th Sts., Green Bay, WI. Contact: Roger A. Bohn, 920-819-7294.

Madison Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Community Meeting Room at Zimbrick Buick, 1601 W. Beltline Hwy., Madison, WI. Contact: Tom Galway, Box 620421, Middleton, WI 53562; e-mail: tpgalway1@charter.net.

Racine Numismatic Society ... meets the 2nd Thursday of each month (No meetings in July and August.) at 7 p.m. at Castlewood Restaurant, 2815 Wisconsin St. (across from Amtrak Depot), Sturtevant, WI. Contact: Jerry Binsfeld, 262-657-4653 (days); 262-654-6272 (nights).

South Shore Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at St. Roman's Church Annex, 1710 W. Bolivar Ave., Milwaukee, WI. Contact: Joe Bartoszewicz, 414-327-6156; e-mail: joedee71@sbcglobal.net.

Waukesha Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Waukesha Salvation Army office, 445 Madison St., Waukesha, WI. Contact: Forrest Schumacher, 262-524-3227; e-mail: fschumacher@wi.rr.com.

CANADA

Windsor Coin Club ... meetings for 2010 are scheduled for 7 p.m. June 14, Sept. 13, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 13 at Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave., Windsor, Ontario. Auction after each meeting. Contact: President Brett Irick, 313-240-6418; e-mail: xr7gt@prodigy.net.

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Coin Show Calender

Coin Show Calendar is a regular feature of The Centinel. It is intended to assist collectors and dealers in planning their show and travel plans and to aid show sponsors in avoiding date conflicts. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, errors and changes may occur.

The Centinel accepts coin show listings *ONLY* from CSNS member-clubs and from commercial entities that support The Centinel with paid advertising. All other show listing requests will be respectfully declined.

Show officials should submit information as early as possible to: Editor Box 82125, Columbus, Ohio 43202. Phone: 614-263-1006. E-mail: gtebben@columbus.rr.com

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Orlando, FL – July 8-10, 2010

4th Annual Summer Florida United Numismatists (FUN) Convention, Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Dr. Contact: Cindy Wibker, Box 47117, Lake Monroe, FL. 32747. Phone 407-321-8747. E-Mail: Cwibker@aol.com Web site: www.funtopics.com

Altoona, IA – July 10, 2010

Des Moines Coin Club Annual Coin and Stamp Expo, Adventureland Inn, (I-80 Exit 142). Contact Chris Seuntjens. Phone: 515-251-4031. E-mail: chris@christophersjewelry.com

St. Charles, MO – July 22-24, 2010

Missouri Numismatic Society 50th Annual Coin Show, St. Charles Convention Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, St. Charles, MO. Hours: 1-7 p.m. Thurs; 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Fri.; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sat. Free admission. Free parking. Dealers: 160. Dealer set-up 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Thurs. Contact: Sid Nusbaum, Box 410652, St. Louis, MO. 63141. Phone: 636-583-2090. E-mail: sid1904pike@yahoo.com Web site: missourinumismaticsociety.org

Springfield, IL – July 25, 2010

Central Illinois Numismatic Association Annual Summer Coin Show, Northfield Inn (Northfield Center), 3210 Northfield Dr. Contact: Steve Butler, 1712 S. First St., Springfield, IL 62704. Phone: 217-528-7634.

Boston, MA – Aug. 11-15, 2010

American Numismatic Association 119th Anniversary Convention, "World's Fair of Money." Contact: ANA Convention Dept., 719-632-2646. Web site: www.money.org

Traverse City, MI – Aug. 14 2010

Cherryland Coin and Stamp Club's Second Annual Show, VFW Hall, 2780 Veterans Dr., Hours 9 a.m - 4 p.m. Tables: 30+. Free admission. Contact: Harry Sellers. Phone: 231-620-4819. E-mail: hdsellers@charter.net

Indianapolis, IN – Aug. 28, 29

Midwest Coin Show & Auction, Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38th St. Hours: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sat.; 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sun. Contact: Box 383, Monrovia, IN 46157. Phone: 317-539-2895. Web site: www.midwestcoinshow.com

Sterling Heights, MI – Aug. 29

The Polish American Numismatic Society & W.C.C. The Windsor Coin Club Late Summer Show. American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane (14 Mile and Hoover), Sterling Heights, MI. Hours: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 85 U.S. and world dealers. Contact: Les Rosik, Box 80515, Rochester, MI 48308. Phone: 248-909-2670 Web site: www.pans-club.org

Columbus, OH – Sept. 3-5, 2010

Ohio State Coin Show, presented by the Central Ohio Numismatic Association, Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri., Sat.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. Contact: Evan Brill, 614-451-5055. E-mail: buysellcoins@aol.com Web site: www.enscoins.com

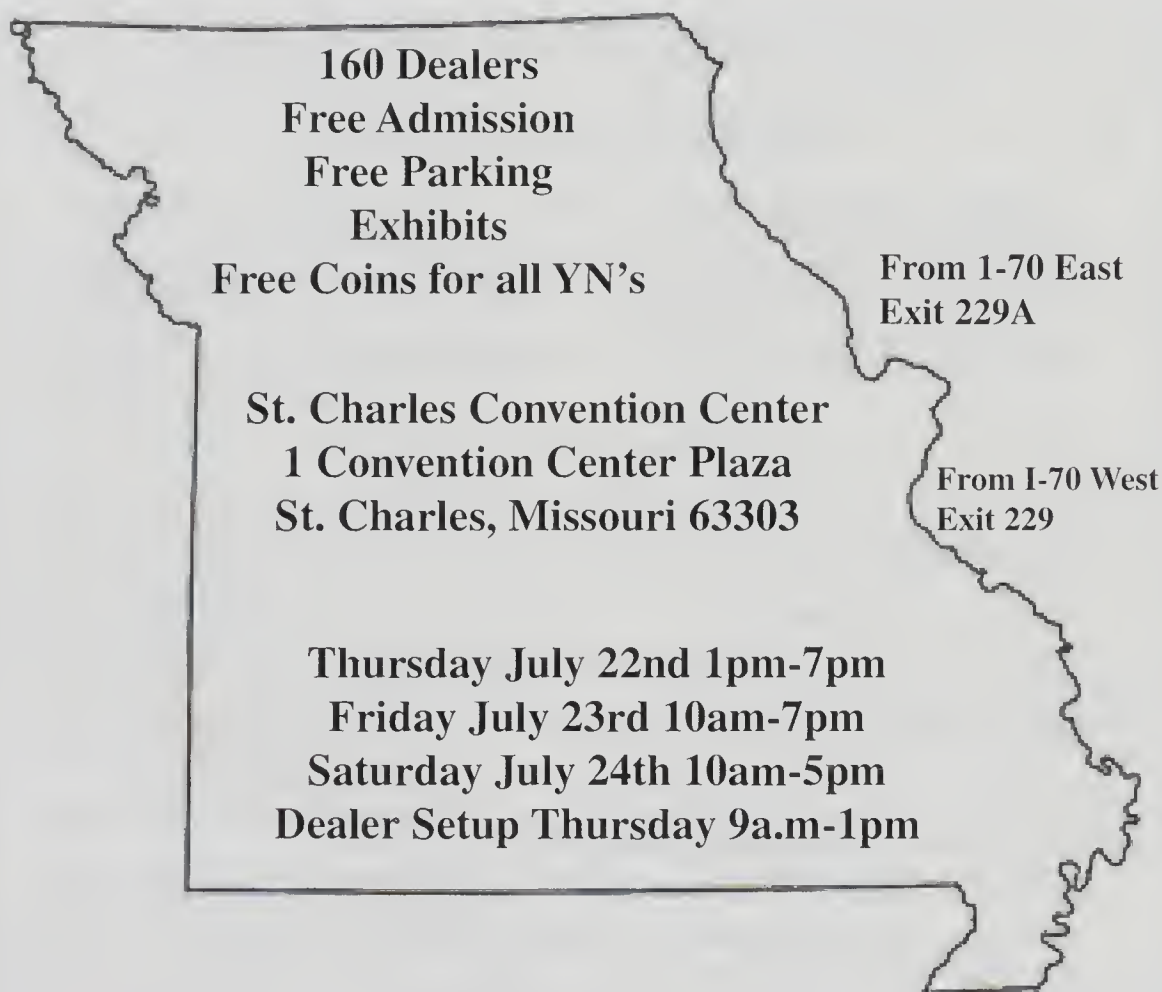
Tinley Park, IL – Sept. 9-11, 2010

Illinois Numismatic Association 51st Annual Fall Coin Show & Convention, Tinley Park Convention Center, 18501 S. Harlem Ave. Tables: 220. Contact: Jim Paicz, Box 628, Richton Park, IL 60471. Phone: 708-670-3469. E-mail: paiczj@aol.com Web site: www.ilnaclub.info

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Ohio State Numismatic Association, Holiday Inn, 6001 Rockside Rd., Independence, OH 44131. Bourse Chairman: Bill Krizsan, Box 784, Twinsburg, OH 44087. Set up: Thur. 4 - 9 p.m. Web Site: www.eosna.org

Schoolcraft, MI – Sept. 25, 2010

10th Annual Schoolcraft Coin Show, Krum Community Center, 515 E. Clay St. Tables: 40. Hours: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Free admission. Contact: Gary Manley. Phone: 269-273-7070.

Peotone, IL – Sept. 26, 2010

Annual Oak Forest Numismatic Society Coin and Currency Show, Will County Fair Grounds "The Atrium," 710 West St., Peotone, IL 60468. Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact: Jim Paicz, 708-670-3469 or kdscollectible@aol.com

Milwaukee, WI – Oct. 3, 2010

Milwaukee Numismatic Society 75th Annual Coin Show, Scrub Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave. Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tables: 75. Admission: \$1. Contact: Tom Casper. Phone: 414-425-5444. E-mail: tcasper57@hotmail.com

Altoona, IA – Oct. 9 - 10, 2010

Des Moines Coin Club Annual Coin and Stamp Expo, Adventureland Inn, (I-80 Exit 142). Contact: Chris Seuntjens. Phone: 515-251-4031. E-mail: chris@christophersjewelry.com

Lenexa, KS – Oct. 9-10, 2010

Johnson County Numismatic Society's 42nd Annual Show, Lenexa Community Center, Pflumm Rd. at Santa Fe Trail Dr. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat.; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sun. YN action 2 p.m. Sat. Tables: 75. Free admission. Hourly door prize drawings. Contact: Mark McWherter. Phone: 913-764-0386. E-mail: markimc@att.net Web site: www.jcns.org

St. Charles, MO – Oct. 13-16

25th Annual National and World Paper Money Convention, St. Charles Convention Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, St. Charles, MO. Contact: Kevin Foley, Box 573, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Phone: 414-423-0343. E-mail: kfoley2@wi.rr.com Web site: www.pcdaonline.com

Lafayette, IN – Oct. 17, 2010

Lafayette Numismatic Society Show, Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds Home Economics Building, 1401 Teal Rd. (across from Jefferson Square). Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tables: 18+ . Free admission. Contact: Bruce Schlink. E-mail: bschlink@hughes.net Web site: lafayettecoinclub.tripod.com

Monroeville, PA – Oct. 22-24, 2010

Fall PAN (Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists) Coin Show, Monroeville Convention Center, 135 Mall Blvd. (Bus. Rt. 22, EZ off Exit 57 of PA Turnpike.) Free admission. Free parking. Tables: 150. Contact: John Paul Sarosi, 106 Market St., Johnstown, PA 15901. Phone: 814-535-5766.

Louisville, KY – Oct. 23-24, 2010

Kentucky State Numismatic Association & Louisville Coin Club 49th Annual Fall Coin Show, Hilton Garden Inn, 2735 Crittenden Dr. (I-75 exit 132). Hours: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fri., Sat. (Early-bird badges - \$25. 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22). Free admission. Tables: 65. Contact: John Bolly, Box 2722, Clarksville, IN 47131. E-mail: Louisvillecoin@aol.com Web site: www.louisvillecoinclub.com

Omaha, NE – Oct. 23-24, 2010

Omaha Coin Club's 51st Annual Coin Show, Holiday Inn - Heartland Room, 72nd and Grover Sts. Hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat.; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun. Free admission. Tables: 70. Table fee : \$110. Contact: Ron Matson, Box 460953, Papillion, NE 68046. Phone: 402-895-7715. E-mail: QualityCoins@aol.com

Springfield, MO – Oct. 23-24, 2010

Ozarks Coin Club Annual Fall Coin & Stamp Show, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3001 N. Grant Ave. Gate No. 4. (North of I-44, Exit 77 N. Kansas Expressway, right onto Norton Rd.) Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat.; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sun. Free admission. Contact: Nancy Redman, Box 3913, Springfield, MO 65808. Phone 417-862-3867. Or Daniel Cross. Phone: 417-777-4814. Web site: www.ozarks-coin-club.org

Indianapolis, IN – Oct. 29-30, 2010

Indiana State Numismatic Association 52nd Show, Indianapolis Marriott East - Liberty Hall, 7202 E. 21 St. (I-465 and I-70), Indianapolis, IN. Hours: 10 a.m - 6 p.m. Fri.; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat. (Early-bird badges - \$35. 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28). Free admission. Free parking. Contact: Joyce Fischer, Box 2624, Anderson, IN 46018. Phone: 765-649-0253. E-mail: kycolonels@comcast.net Web site www.indianastatenumismatics.org

Elgin, IL – Oct. 31, 2010

Elgin Coin Club 49th Annual Show, VFW Post 1307, 1601 Weld Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. - 3p.m. Tables: 32. Free admission. Door prizes. YN auction. Table fee: \$35. Contact: Don Cerny, Box 561, South Elgin, IL. 60177. Phone: 1-847-888-1449. Web site: www.worksandwords.com/coins/ecc/



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Rochester Area Coin Club's 2010 Annual Fall Southern Minnesota Coin, Stamp, & Currency Show, Kahler Grand Hotel - Heritage Hall, 7 1st Avenue SW, Rochester, MN, 55902 (Enter by Victoria's Restaurant and go downstairs). Hours: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tables: 30. Free admission. Contact Jerry Swanson, 731 15th Avenue NE, Rochester, MN 55806.
Phone: (507)289-5099

Chattanooga, TN – Nov. 5-7, 2010

Tennessee State Numismatic Society Annual Fall Show, Camp Jordan Arena (I-75, Exit 1) Bourse chairman: Gayle Pike, Box 11705, Memphis, TN 38111. E-mail: pikegh@aol.com
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Windsor, Ontario – Nov. 7, 2010

Windsor Coin Club's 59th Annual Fall Show, Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave. Hours 10 a.m - 4 p.m. Tables: 55. Contact: Margaret Clarke.
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Marion, IN – Nov. 13, 2010

Marion Coin Club's Third Annual Show, Grant County 4H Fairgrounds, State Hwy. 18 East. Hours: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tables: 48. Free admission. Bourse chairman: Ray Lockwood, 765-664-6520 or sunrayofmarion@aol.com.

Indianapolis, IN – Nov. 13, 14

Midwest Coin Show & Auction, Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38th St. Hours: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sat.; 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sun. Contact: Box 383, Monrovia, IN 46157. Phone: 317-539-2895.
Web site: www.midwestcoinshow.com

Greenbay, WI – Nov. 14, 2010

Nicolet Coin Club Fall Show, Comfort Suites Rock Garden, 1951 Bond St. Contact: Roger A. Bohn, 1345 Ponderosa Ave., Green Bay, WI 54313. Phone: 920-819-7294

Springfield, IL – Nov. 14, 2010

Central Illinois Numismatic Association Annual Fall Coin Show, Northfield Inn (Northfield Center I), 3210 Northfield Dr. Contact: Steve Butler, 1712 S. First St., Springfield, IL 62704.
Phone: 217-528-7634.

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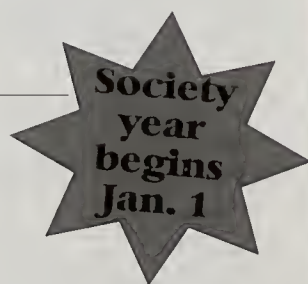
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(Adopted by the CSNS Board of Governors, October 6, 2007)

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For the guidance and instruction of its members, this Code of Ethics is duly adopted by the Board of Governors under the authority vested in it by the Constitution & By-Laws of the Society.

As members of the Central States Numismatic Society, we agree to comply with the following standards of conduct:

1. To support and be governed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, and by such rules, policies and regulations that may be in force from time to time.

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